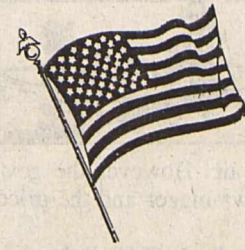


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## Problems continue for border ranchers

### Officials visit border to discuss smuggling crisis

By: J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

EAGLE PASS - President Clinton's drug czar met with area ranchers on the border and promised efforts to control international drug traffickers along the Rio Grande.

"There is an enormous explosion of drug smuggling in the last five years along this common frontier, and it has gotten immeasurably worse in the last year," retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey, director of National Drug Control Policy, said at a Tuesday news conference on a private ranch on the border.

"We are determined to play hard ball with international drug criminals. The problem is not Mexico. The problem is international drug criminals and the corrupting power of \$30 billion a year on the Democratic institutions of both countries."

McCaffrey, Drug Enforcement Administrator Thomas Constantine and U.S. Border Patrol Chief Doug Kruhm were here to meet with the ranchers and to hear firsthand accounts of how armed drug and people smugglers are terrorizing the area.

"We have listened to ranchers and citizens on both sides of the border, we have listened to law enforcement and we want to essentially underscore our commitment to work in partnership with Mexico, but to insure that there is a rule of law along the border," McCaffrey said.

McCaffrey promised the ranchers that the government would try and solve the problem in the form of manpower and technology.

In the coming months, Congress is scheduled to consider a fiscal 1997 federal budget that calls for a 9.3 percent increase in funds for the so-called war on drugs.

"We've recommended that congress appropriate \$15.1 billion, that includes some 25 percent increase of what we call the southwest border initiative," McCaffrey said.

If approved, McCaffrey said the increase would include 1,500 additional narcotics agents nationwide.

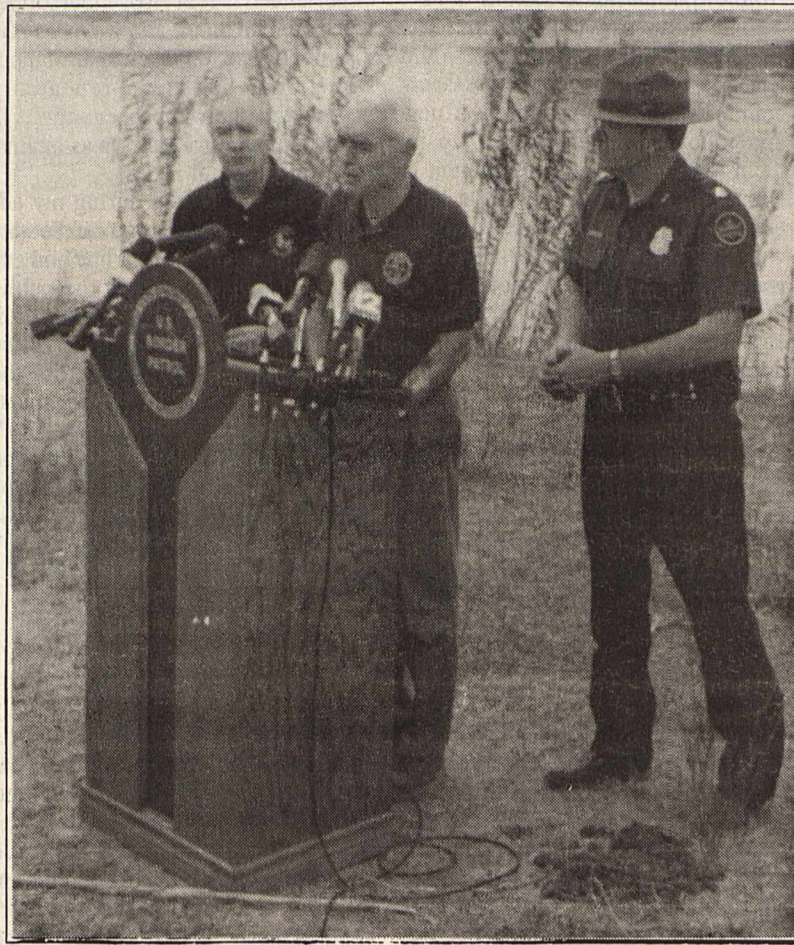
"We're going to have to put our money where our mouth is, and we're going to have to (provide) adequate manpower and technology along this border to regain the safety of our own citizens," he said.

"We think technology is going to pay off. In addition, we're going to act in full cooperation with Mexican authorities. We're going to work together to bring this problem under control. It's as much a threat to Mexican children as it is to our own citizens."

The proposal is part of a plan to "restore law and order all along the 2,000-mile frontier by 2001."

"It is an intimidating environment with gangs of 20 to 40 people crossing (the Rio Grande) at night," McCaffrey said. "Some of them carrying automatic weapons with massive drug smuggling."

"It is approaching out of control, so (they ranchers) want protection. They have absolute trust in the Border Patrol. It is ranchers and citizens on both sides that feel threatened. It is as dangerous across the river as it is over here."



Drug Enforcement Administrator Thomas Constantine (from left), White House Director of National Drug Control Policy Barry McCaffrey and U.S. Border Patrol Chief Doug Kruhm address the media on Tuesday in Eagle Pass. Photo by J.J. Guidry

### Illegal aliens break into Kinney County ranches

By: J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

Officials suspect illegal aliens are responsible for the burglaries of three Kinney County ranches over the weekend.

Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said illegal aliens have become more aggressive recently when travelling through the ranch land.

"These are not illegal aliens looking for work, these are burglars," he said.

One of the robberies took place at Lloyd Lee Davis' ranch on Tularosa Road. Davis' helicopter hanger was broken into, and a shotgun was stolen.

"Illegal aliens have been coming through for years, as we all know, but I think what is impressing me is their aggressiveness at breaking in and entering property where they know no one is around," Davis said.

"That's my place of business and it has concerned me considerably. There have been two attempts before to break in there and neither one was successful. But this time they got very

aggressive with some heavy pipe and literally beat the door knobs and deadbolts off of the doors.

"Then, they got in there and, obviously, went through everything I had - my tools, my desk and everything. If you have ever had someone break into your private property, it really aggravates you. You feel totally violated.

"How do you protect your property anymore? Obviously, law enforcement can't sit there and watch your property. It's something that we kind of have to work on as a community. We have to help the law enforcement do their job."

While driving to work Saturday morning, Davis said that he could see from the highway that the door to his hanger was open.

"I knew immediately that it had been broken into," he said. "I went over there, got to looking around and saw what had happened."

"I immediately called the Sheriff's Office to get somebody out to investigate. They suspected illegal aliens so they called the Border Patrol."

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## Ward sworn in as school board member

By: J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

Tim Ward took the oath of office at the Brackett School Board of Trustees' monthly meeting Monday night.

Ward is filling the unexpired term of Stan Conoly, who resigned because of personal reasons.

"I'm very proud to be a part of the Brackettville School Board," Ward said Monday. "I have a lot of interest in the school."

"I have children who are in school and I am concerned about the children in our community. I'm looking forward to serving on the school board."

The trustees heard a request for a hold on current tax valuations from Jay Johnson, who is con-

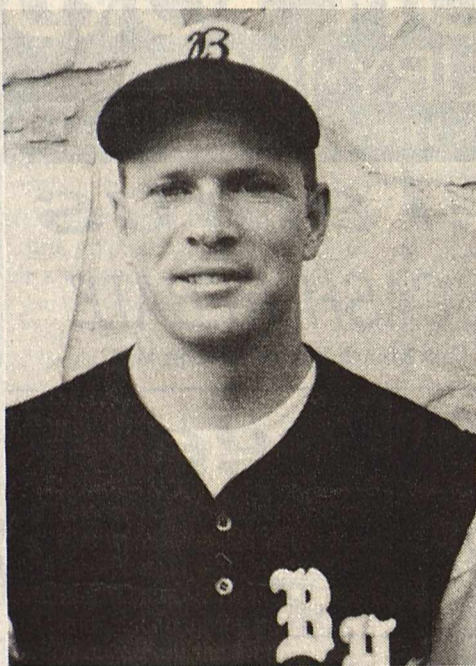
sidering purchasing property from Eloise and Zack Davis.

After going into executive session, the board took no action on the matter, tabling it until further review.

Brackett High School Counselor Susan Harrison reported the TAAS end of course results to the trustees.

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## Grubbs named All-Southwest Texas Coach of the Year



GARY GRUBBS

By: J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

Brackett's Gary Grubbs was named the All-Southwest Texas Area Baseball Coach of the Year.

Grubbs led Brackett to a 21-7 record this season. The Tigers claimed their second-straight district title and won their first playoff game in school history.

Grubbs shares the honor with Ruben Lozano, who led Eagle Pass to the Class 5A state tournament.

"It's a great honor," Grubbs said. "I think it's something that should be attributed to the kids for playing hard, working hard and getting better over the three years that I've been here in Brackett."

"I believe that we have a real good baseball program going here in Brackett, and I think it's something that we're just going to get better at," he added.

The Tigers had five players named to the elite squad, which was released Thursday by *The Brackett News* and *The Devine News*.

Representing Brackett were seniors Brian Hooker and Michael Padron, juniors Ramon De Leon and Beau Smallwood and sophomore Jorge Rodriguez.

"I think the five players that earned honors were very deserving," Grubbs said.

"I can think of a couple more players on our team that did a good job this year and had a shot at making the team."

Hooker started at catcher for the Tigers. He batted .440 and had a .538 on-base percentage. The clean-up batter had 26 RBI, 23 runs and nine stolen bases.

"Brian is very worthy of the honor," Grubbs said. "For the three years that I've been here, he has steadily improved and has played wherever I asked him to play. To be able to move from second base to first base to catcher is a sign of a great athlete."

"He was a leader for us this last year. I thought he was, by far, the best catcher in district. With the work ethics that he has, he's going to have a lot of success when he goes to college at McMurray."

*"It's a great honor. I think it's something that should be attributed to the kids for playing hard, working hard and getting better over the three years that I've been here in Brackett."*

**Tigers coach Gary Grubbs**

Padron, a short stop, batted .484 and had a .529 on-base percentage. He scored 36 runs, drove in 20 more and stole 23 bases.

"Mike did a very good job at short stop," Grubbs said. "He was a very good leadoff batter. He did that for three years and he was very consistent at it."

De Leon was the Tigers' pitching ace, compiling a 16-2 mound record and a 1.27 earned run average.

In 94 innings, he allowed 17 earned runs while fanning 78 batters and walking only 15.

Offensively, the junior batted .575 with a .630 on-base percentage. He scored 36 runs, drove in 33 more and stole 21 bases.

"Ramon went 16-2 and he was the winning pitcher in the San Antonio area," Grubbs said. "He turned out to be a good leader on our team. He was a very good hitter and a great control pitcher."

Smallwood started in right field for Brackett. He hit .354, had a .469 on-base percentage, scored 21 runs, drove in 18 runs and stole 17 bases.

"Beau has improved immensely since his freshman year," Grubbs said. "He is very deserving."

"He's improved in what he can do at the plate and defensively he has great speed. I think it's safe to say that Beau knows baseball."

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## TWENTY YEARS LATER ...

### Meil and friends recall airplane crash

By: J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

July 7, 1976 is a day that J.E. Meil will never forget. On that day, his airplane crashed and burned, causing him serious injuries which resulted in long hospital stays and the amputation of his left leg.

Exactly 20 years after the accident, Meil's family and a group of friends that he met through the crash gathered to recall what had happened and how it affected their lives.

"It totally changed my life," Meil said. "Every 7th of July, I think about it."

Jerry Brian, who pulled Meil from the burning plane, and Lee Batey, who helped nurse Meil back to health, were in Brackettville on Sunday visiting Meil.

"My life and that of Jerry's was forever changed because of our experience with J.E. and (his wife) Sondra," Batey said.

On that long-remembered day in 1976, Meil was flying his Piper Pawnee ag plane across the Texas-New Mexico state line.

"On the Texas side was a regular electrical high-line and on the New Mexico side was a large transmission power line," said Meil recalling what eyewitnesses had seen.

"When I crossed the highway, they said it looked like I hit a windshear, the way the airplane dropped. And it dropped just low enough to catch the static line on top of the transmission line, which is about a quarter-inch steel cable, and it hung just above the wheels on the landing

gear.  
"The cutting bars on the airplane failed to cut that cable. I broke three posts off trying to get loose from it. It took the plane down on its nose, and then it flipped over and caught fire."

Meil said Brian was nearby at the time of the accident and was able to pull him from the burning plane. Brian then a farmer, is now a professor at New Mexico Junior College.

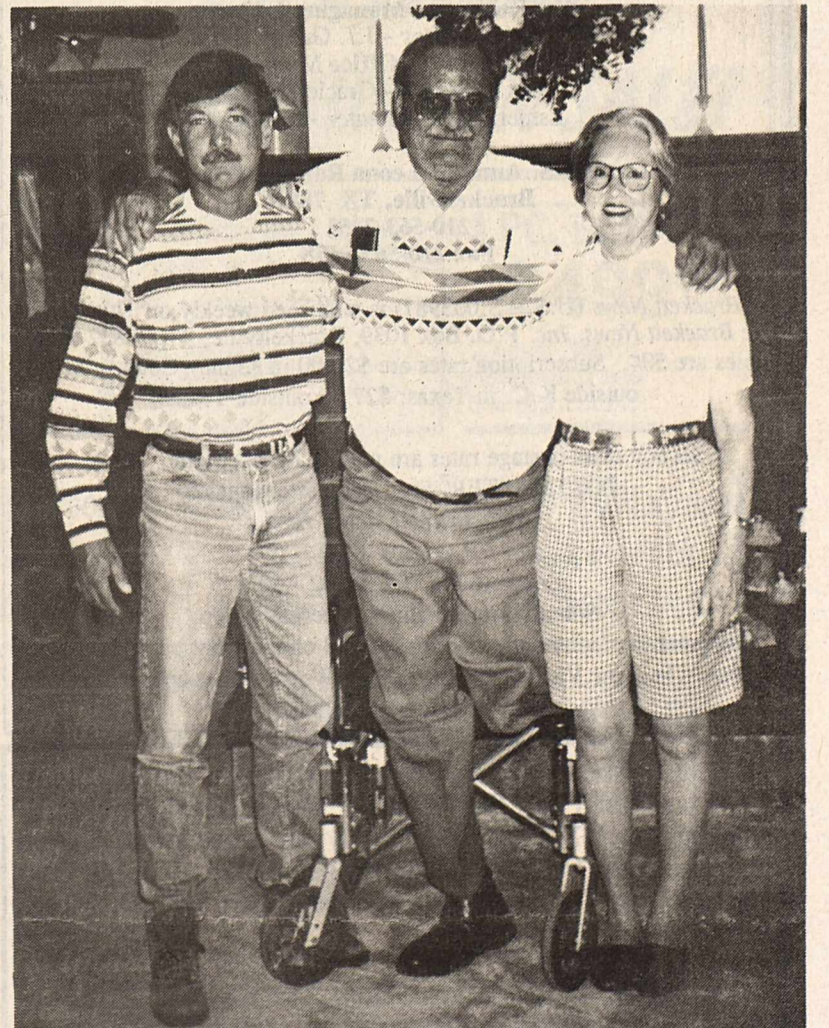
"Jerry said I was talking to him, but I don't remember it," Meil said. "I can remember a few seconds before (the crash), and then right after they got me out of the airplane. Laying in the field is the next thing I remember."

"Jerry told me that I was talking to him the whole time the airplane was burning. I couldn't get my shoulder harness and my seat belts unbuckled. He said that I kept telling him, 'Get me out of here, I'm burning up.'  
"I think Jerry is courageous for getting me out, but he won't admit to that. He said the Good Lord picked him and put him in there," he said.

"There are some things that happened that are unusual. As soon as he crawled into the burning airplane, the wind was blowing hard enough that it kept all of the flames off of him, and he never got burned."

Because of the seriousness of the injuries, Meil said that he insisted on being taken to the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

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Jerry Brian (from left), J.E. Meil and Lee Batey visited Sunday about a plane crash 20 years ago that affected all of their lives.

Between Us

by Joe Townsend



When the newspapers and others in Arkansas named the present president "Slick Willy" they could not have found a better or more appropriate title. Every single week he finds a new picture "opportunity", each one slicker than the other. Of course it is widely accepted (60% of the people by one late poll) that he is a pathological liar.

Recently he stated before Congress, "The days of big government are over". Since that rhetoric every proposal he has espoused adds more government to the already monstrous monolith.

Some do-gooder or government bureaucracy will release some "Scare" story and as it festers soon the President will come out with some inane idea to cater to a created few. In the heat of his reelection campaign he has accelerated his infamous antics.

By Executive order (a practice to avoid congress) he has set up a new system to inspect meat. There were 4 deaths last year caused by "ecola" this out of 270,000,000 people. Now a vast new bureaucracy will force "scientific" tests of all meat and chicken. This kind of catering to radicals caused a new and strict test for fish and now fish and shrimp are priced ridiculously high. Have you checked the cost of salmon lately? So the government grows and the consumer pays through the nose.

Long ago Clinton set forth a program to check guns taken from street "children" back to the dealer and "arrest, convict and punish" them. He did nothing to implement it at the time. Now comes the election and he digs back in his mouldy stack of "Willie promises" and resurrects and sets it out as a new proposal. Anyone with sense enough to add 2 and 2 and get four can readily see this is simply

blowing hot air. However the government grows bigger and the price goes up.

To take the heat off of all the shenanigans of the White House Clinton and his henchmen are back at ads on TV. that are outright his. Dole says "We ought to do more to keep tobacco out of the hands of children". He also said "to some it is addictive and to some it is not". So Clinton's TV. ads say Dole thinks it's alright for kids to smoke and that he is a robot for the tobacco industry when he says it is not totally addictive. So the lies go on. It was great for the tobacco industry to channel millions of dollars to democratic politicians when the liberals controlled congress but now because more dollars go to the republicans the president's ads loudly condemn the money given to the Republicans. There's no mention of the democrats returning the "tobacco" money they have received; a considerable amount.

So Slick Willy continues his tactics. He's for a balanced budget he says but when Congress sent him one he vetoed it. He's for welfare reform, he says, but when Congress sent him one he vetoed it. He said Medicare had to be reformed but when Congress sent him one he not only vetoed it but he and his cohorts loudly lied to America and convinced the older people it would be ruinous. Though the bill contained an increase of funds every year these dishonest liberals convinced unthinking people the Republicans were going to cut it.

When a large percent of the American people say they can't believe him and believe he and his wife are lying about Whitewater, he still leads in most polls. When the people wake up to the fact that truth and moral character are important such charlatans as the Clintons will fall into the dust of what once was.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor -

I read with ironic interest the front page story that appeared in The Brackett News recently related to a long, drawn out dissertation by County Judge Tommy Seargeant and Sheriff Leland "Buddy" Burgess as to the needs and other reasons the Sheriff's Department would benefit from by purchasing a "Radar Gun".

The ironic part to this is that Mr. Seargeant and Mr. Burgess would lead the public (and commissioners court) to believe that this is a new and innovative idea cooked up by them to enhance law enforcement in Kinney County when in fact at least two deputy patrol cars were equipped with radar units during the 13 years I was Sheriff of Kinney County. If the Sheriff's department needs new radars, then by all means buy them, but do not attempt to mislead the public into thinking that this is a "New Deal"!

Even more ironic is the fact that there was almost total silence related to the recent attempted escape at the county jail. A dangerous and deadly occurrence that could have resulted in serious bodily injury or even death to the two rookie female jail guards involved in the incident. Why no headline about that?

Residents of Fort Clark Springs

Residents of Fort Clark Springs: Here we go again; the rumors are flying! I return from a week in the hospital in San Antonio to learn that I am involved in some vicious gossip.

Rumor 1: There is an \$18,000 materials lien on the house that Southern Vista Homes (Daniel Willard) built for me. Why didn't you ask? Attorney Tully Shahan drew up a construction contract between Mr. Willard and me, and a loan agreement between Charlotte and me, both of which are duly recorded in the Kinney County Court House. Mr. Shahan would be the first to know of any liens.

Rumor 2: The reason the purchasers have not moved in is because of the lien. For personal reasons the purchasers have not moved in; be assured that in due time they will be here, and I hope that you will make them feel welcome!

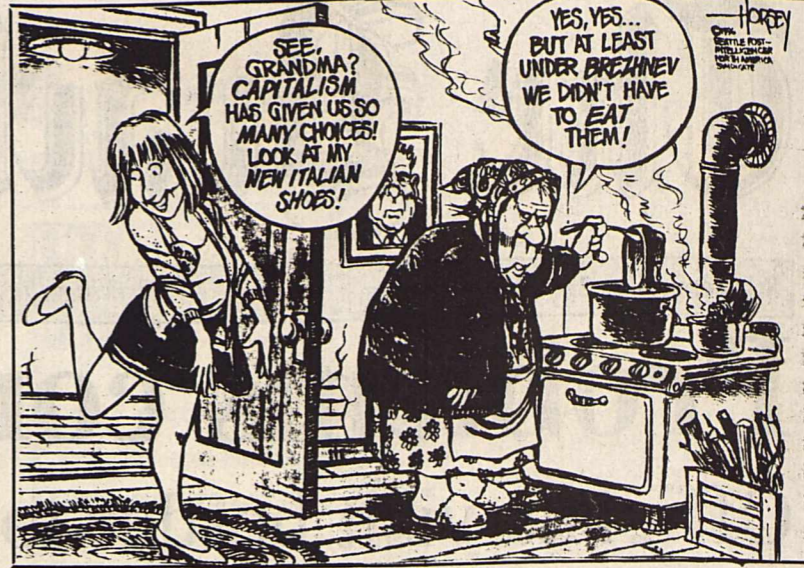
Rumor 3: The house is poorly constructed. It is one of the better built

Why no long, drawn out explanation by Tommy Seargeant and "Buddy" Burgess about that? Or, why not at least a short explanation as to how and why this dangerous incident was allowed to happen, and, perhaps most interesting of all, why were two rookie FEMALE jail guards put on the midnight shift, together, with NO experienced supervisory personnel working with them, and why was NO disciplinary action taken against them when both had been repeatedly warned that their improper actions in handling male prisoners was against All Departmental Rules!

Had this occurred during my administration as sheriff you can bet that there would have been a hue and cry for my head! But at least the public would have been made aware of it because of my policy while in office of keeping the public advised of the activities of the Sheriff's Department!

Isn't it time that "Prima Donnas" in our local government both city and county be held accountable for THEIR failures and misdeeds, or is that reserved just for folks "they" target?

Norman H. Hooten  
Brackettville, TX 78832



CAPITOL COMMENT

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KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Sorting out campaign finance reform

If I were going to give a title to the campaign finance reform legislation under consideration in the Senate now, I would call it "The Incumbent Protection Act of 1996," because that is what its limitations on expenditures would accomplish.

Campaign finance reform is one of those seemingly simple issues that becomes complicated on closer examination.

We should not limit campaign contributions across the board in the way that currently is being suggested. Any limit of this kind, voluntary or otherwise, would favor incumbents because it would inhibit the right of a challenger to go out and raise more campaign funds than an incumbent who already enjoys greater name recognition. Challengers would have no way of overcoming that very real disadvantage. We want to level the playing field, not tilt it.

That said, there are a number of common-sense principles I believe can be invoked in order to strengthen the current campaign finance law and make it more equitable.

\* I support the idea of requiring that 60 percent of a congressional candidate's campaign funds be raised from individuals within his or her home state. This rule would ensure that the people of each state have the ultimate say in the outcome of their congressional elections.

\* I support limiting the use of personal wealth to finance campaigns. Right now there are no limits on the amount of personal wealth a candidate can spend on his or her own political campaign. Such candidates also are entitled to go out and raise campaign contributions, after the fact, and repay themselves. This is inherently inequitable. I think we can fairly, and constitutionally, set a limit on the amount for which such candidates can be reimbursed for up-front expenditures from their personal pocketbooks.

\* I support limiting political action committee (PAC) donations to the same amount as individuals are entitled to donate to a candidate. The vast majority of PACs are cooperative, grassroots efforts within a specific group, or company, such as a teachers' association, a union or a tax-limitation group. Most people who contribute to PACs give small amounts of money. If someone wants to participate in the process, they should be encouraged.

Big Mama Sez!



America is the only country where it takes more brains to fill out the income tax return than it does to make the income.

PLEASE REMEMBER that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

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Open Letter To Editor

Board of Directors, Fort Clark Springs:

My name is Martin Luna. On July 4, 1996, I went to the swim park area.

My rights as a member were violated. I was told I had to pay \$3.00 to go to the dance. I am in a wheel chair and have no where else to go.

I am a real handicap. Not like one of your members that walks three miles each day, yet has a handicap license plate and uses it without regard for those that are really handicap. This is a fraud--SHAME ON YOU.

Sincerely  
/s/Martin Luna

Masons install Faulkenberry as principal officer tonight

DEL RIO - Alpha Chapter Number 243, Royal Arch Masons, and Alpha Council Number 178, Royal and Select Masters, will hold their annual Installation of Officers this evening at 7 p.m. in the Lodge Room of Val Verde Lodge No. 646, A.F. & A.M. located at 704 Bedell Avenue.

A dinner for the members, wives, and guests will be held in the Dining Room at 6:00 P.M.

Installing Officer for Alpha Chapter will be James S. Long, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

The Installing Marshall will be Walter Pat Haynes, Knight York Cross of Honor.

Installing Officer for Alpha Council will be Walter Pat Haynes, KYCH, District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. James S. Long will be the Installing Marshall.

Tom Faulkenberry of Brackettville will be installed as the principal officer in both bodies of the York Rite of Freemasonry.

Faulkenberry, a long-time Mason, has previously served as Past Master of Las Moras Lodge No. 444 in Brackettville and as a Past Patron of Del Rio Chapter No. 204, Order of the Eastern Star.

All York Rite Masons are invited to attend.

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Rambling Around Kinney County  
By THE K.C. RAMBLER



The Horse Soldier has returned to the U.S.A. as special forces to cover the Mexican - Texas, New Mexico and Arizona borders, flushing out smugglers. The Cavalry is back in the saddle again. Washington has found that a man on a horse can cover more territory and pick up trails of hidden dope runners more effectively than other methods. The Old West is here again. It has been 50 years since the mounted Cavalry retired from active duty.

The movie "In Pursuit of Honor" depicts the story of the last days of the horses of the Cavalry. It's a must see for anyone interested in the history of our area. A fitting tribute to the equines that served so nobly in the Cavalry.

The sage is in bloom! This solves

the age-old question. "Does the ceneza bloom because it has rained or because it is about to rain?" We surely haven't seen any rain in these parts lately. Keep your fingers crossed and look for moisture in the near future.

If you're searching for things to do - the library is offering all sorts of special activities, the Methodist Bible School will be held all next week, the High School gym is open for your use with supervised activities. Museums are open on weekends. There really is a lot to do in KC if you get out and about and look for it.

A Country and Western dance will be held on the 20th at the Civic Center and you don't have to drive miles to enjoy it.

See you next week.



Retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey, center, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, visited Eagle Pass Tuesday to discuss the drug smuggling crisis on the border. Photo by J.J. Guidry

PTO exams playground

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Liz Frerich and Cindy Braesicke of the Parent Teacher Organization presented the groups' plan for upgrading the district's playground facilities. Funding for the project will be discussed during the upcoming budget workshops. The first workshop is tentatively scheduled for July 25.

The board accepted resignations from Laura Jane Wardlaw, Tammy Coggins and Shelley Naylor.

The trustees also hired five new employees - high school coach Dalia Vasquez, band director Michael Smellie and elementary teachers Lisa Conoly, Karol Glaspy and Laura Johnson.

One doesn't have a sense of humor. It has you.  
—Larry Gelbart

Smoke From Nakai  
By Nakai Breen



Today I will continue the talk of hunting & the ways it was done. In the ancient days the kills were taken only for the use of the camp, so enough animals were slaughtered for the winter months only. For the rest of winter the jerky that was left was used with the root, berries and wild onions so the small game only supplemented the days that was left was not. The big game was not killed every day or every month. In the ancient days before fires the meat was eaten raw such as liver and the whole entrails, the rest of the meat was put into use by the drying ways. It was cut and dried by the sun and later pounded and the fine powder was

eaten with berries and the wild nuts gave it the oil to be able to swallow. During the big hunt when the carcass was brought into camp every woman in the camp participated on the dissecting of the carcass. Every part of the animal was used, nothing went to waste. When the fire and pottery came into existence the meats were boiled and the broth was thickened by the use of wild vegetables.

I will talk about the rest of the tribes the coastal, woodland and desert tribes and what they use for nutrition and to survive.

Ahое Nakai

Local ranchers face problems with illegal aliens

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"I was very concerned, as were the law enforcement officers, that they had a firearm," he said. Davis led officials to a hunting camp located about a mile north of the hanger.

"They leave the hunting camp unsecured so it will keep illegal aliens from tearing it up when they try to get in," said Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter of the Sheriff's Department.

"We went in there and found the stove on with a pot of beans cooking and a pot of water with tea bags cooking. The 410 shotgun was inside.

"While the Border Patrol followed the tracks, they found their back packs with money in it, their new boots and personal belongings. But they lost the tracks in the rocky country out there."

Recovered in one back pack was \$600 in cash. The second back pack had \$115 and Mexico currency.

Burgess said the Sheriff's Department doesn't have enough officers to control all of the illegal aliens who pass through Kinney County.

"We're too thin and that's what it amounts to," he said. "Fritter spent four hours working on this case. While he was working on that case, another group of illegal aliens broke into another ranch and stole \$1,400."

The \$1,400 was stolen from Bill Damon's ranch, located on F.M. 334, on Saturday evening. An additional \$200 was stolen from the Bader Ranch, located on Highway 90, over the weekend.

Officials said they believe that the three robberies are unrelated.

Friends recall plane crash

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"Just as they took me into the hospital, I went into respiratory arrest. I quit breathing because all of the poison chemicals that I had ingested. They didn't think I would survive the first night.

"The doctors were going to cut both of my legs off. They told my wife that I didn't stand much chance, but that wasn't what the Lord had planned."

Sondra Meil said, "After seeing the plane, I just didn't see how anyone could have survived. When I got to the hospital, they took me in immediately and they let me see J.E. He was not a pretty sight, but I was just thankful that he was awake and that he was conscience."

After the accident, Meil spent six straight months at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He first returned home on Dec. 7, but returned to the hospital on the day after Christmas. Within a year and a half, he spent over eight months in the hospital.

"What made it all so unique for me as a nurse was the length of J.E.'s hospitalization and the absolute uncompromising way in which we cared for him," Batey said.

"The intensity of our relationship was born out of the very long length of his stay, his many physical, emotional and spiritual needs, and my genuine affection for him and Sondra."

J.E. Meil said that Batey "is a very special person because of her love, caring and compassion for her patients."

After recovering from the surgeries, Meil continued to fly airplanes despite the accident.

"I did some work for the government with aerial photography but it never bothered me to get back in an airplane," he said.

Meil then studied law and became a judge in Lovington, N.M. J.E. and Sondra now live at Fort Clark Springs. They own and operate The Giftbox.

Meil has gone through several changes in his life, mostly because of the accident, which is something he'll never forget.

And because of the accident, he gained some friends that he will have for life.

"J.E., Sondra and I would have been great friends wherever we might have met," Batey said. "We just happened to meet at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock."

For Pete's Sake

They were having one of those city employee meetings, and Ol' Slim, who does a certain job in a certain department, was seated next to a woman he didn't know.

When the city manager got up to speak, Ol' Slim nudged the woman with his elbow. "That's the ugliest guy I've ever seen," he declared, in a low voice. "He wears that beard to cover up some of the ugly, but can't hide it all. He's stupid, too. Got a lot of book learning, but no common sense. Why he couldn't do my job for half a day."

"You're impudent and crude," the woman replied icily. "Do you know who I am?"

Slim shook his head. "Don't reckon I do," he said.

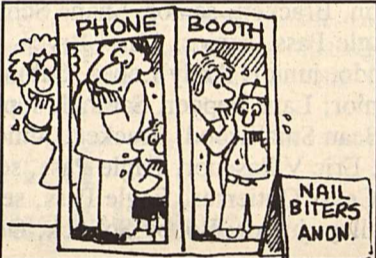
"Well, I'm the City Manager's wife!" the woman snapped.

Slim gulped, but came right back with a question of his own. "Well, do you know who I am?" he queried.

"No," she said, stiffly.

"Thank God!" Slim said. "My job is still safe!"

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# Vasquez takes volleyball position

By: J.J. Guidry  
Sports Editor

Dalia Vasquez was hired as Brackett's high school volleyball and tennis coach at Monday's School Board meeting.

Vasquez inherits the Tigerettes' volleyball program from Tammy Coggins, who resigned after accepting a position in Uvalde.

"I'm excited about coaching in Brackett," Vasquez said. "I'm familiar with the (Coggins) and I know she laid down the foundation. All I have to do is pick up where she left off."

Vasquez has been the head volleyball, basketball and track coach at Cotulla for the last two years. Prior to that, she was a middle school coach in Del Rio for four years.

"I think she's going to be a great asset to our coaching staff," Brackett Athletic Director Roy Rokovich said. "She has a lot of enthusiasm and she has great knowledge."

"She was a volleyball player in college and she also ran track in college. She is a certified volleyball official so she has great knowledge of the game and the rules."

Rokovich said that Vasquez is a real "kid person."

"I think she's going to be a great asset to our kids. She's real personable. She speaks well. She's a good person."

"I think she's going to fit in real well here. She's a great motivator. People that I've talked to speak very highly of her. I think she will do an outstanding job for our program here at Brackettville."

Vasquez is originally from Eagle Pass. She may also be involved in the Tigerettes basketball program, under Assistant Athletic Director Gregg Nowlin, and track program.

"I'm familiar with Gregg," Vasquez said. "I played high school sports with his sister in Eagle Pass, and I watched him play sports in high school."

"I know he's very knowledgeable. I've heard that he's very supportive of his staff and I've heard a lot of good things about him so I'm excited."

Vasquez has never coached tennis before, but she is looking forward to the challenge. She played the sport in high school and in college.

"She has some expertise in that area," Rokovich said. "Obviously, her strongest suit is volleyball but she does know the game of tennis very well."

"She's really excited about having the opportunity to coach tennis. This will be her first year to coach tennis, but I believe she will do a great job with it."

Vasquez replaces Frank Taylor as tennis coach. Taylor has guided the Brackett netters for seven years.

"I think Coach Taylor has done a great job with our tennis program," Rokovich said. "He's excited for somebody to come in and pick up where he's left off. I appreciate Coach Taylor and all of his efforts towards tennis."



Athletic Director Roy Rokovich, left, welcomes new coach Dalia Vasquez to Brackettville. Photo by J.J. Guidry

# Five Tigers earn mention on area squad

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Rodriguez, Brackett's third baseman, batted .444 and had a .516 on-base percentage. He had 29 runs, 29 RBI and 11 stolen bases.

"Jorge is a very consistent defensive player," Grubbs said. "He can really go to either side, right or left, to stop the ball well."

"He has a great arm and a very quick bat. He's a kid that is maturing each year. He was very deserving."

# Stephenson, McLane top Ladies Golf Club action

Only nine members played golf with the club Tuesday. The game was individual scores for low gross and low net.

Mary Stephenson won low gross with a score of 82.

LaVone McLane won low net with a 60. She finished with a score of 89 minus and has a 29 handicap.

# The All-Southwest Texas Area baseball team

The All-Southwest Texas Area Baseball Team as released by The Brackett News and The Devine News on Thursday:

**Pitchers:** Isidro Avalos, Del Rio, junior; Ramon De Leon, Brackett, junior; Jacob Dominguez, D'Hanis, senior; Will Gates, Charlotte, soph.; Mario Guerra, Carrizo Springs, senior; Chris Hilliard, Jourdanton, junior; Jerry Jass, Lytle, senior; George Monreal, Natalia, soph.; Jeff Navarro, Devine, senior; Pete Ochoa, Poteet, senior; Arthur Ortiz, Pleasanton, junior; Brian Platts, Uvalde, junior; Isaac Rodriguez, Eagle Pass, senior; Jeremy Wessels, Medina Valley, senior; Wesley Whitwell, Pearsall, senior.

**Catchers:** Bubba Castaneda, Del Rio, senior; Brian Hooker, Brackett, senior; Arnulfo Rodriguez, Eagle Pass, senior; Robert Soliz, Medina Valley, junior; Justin Woodlee, Pleasanton, senior.

**First basemen:** Trini Bermea, La Pryor, senior; Adrian Guevara, Crystal City, soph.; Hector Martinez, Devine, senior; Henry Moncada, D'Hanis, junior; Bo Sims, Medina Valley, junior.

**Second basemen:** Brandon Bippert, Medina Valley, junior; Armando Esquivel, Lytle, senior; Vance Jupe, Jourdanton, senior; Roland Ramirez, Uvalde, junior; Ray Talamantez, Pearsall, senior.

**Third basemen:** Jaime De Leon, Del Rio, senior; Chris Lytle, Uvalde, junior; Patrick Ramos, Pearsall, junior; Jorge Rodriguez, Brackett, soph.; Terry Smith, Jourdanton, junior.

**Short Stops:** Ruben Campos, Charlotte, soph.; Burt Herrmann, D'Hanis, senior; Matt Pacheco, Pleasanton, junior; Michael Padron, Brackett, senior; Shane Schuchart, Jourdanton, junior.

**Outfielders:** Joe Bruno, Eagle Pass, senior; Chris Bryce, Del Rio, junior; Victor Caballero, Uvalde, soph.; Gabe Cortez, Hondo, junior; Andy Lopez, Sabinal, junior; Pete Martinez, D'Hanis, junior; Nick Mendez, Natalia, junior; Lane Pepper, Sabinal, soph.; Adam Rowland, Charlotte, junior; Billy Sadler, Poteet, senior; Beau Smallwood, Brackett, junior; Ryan Smith, Pleasanton, senior; Donnie Terrazas, Uvalde, senior; Eric Villaseñor, Eagle Pass, senior; Eric Ybarra, Natalia, junior.

**Designated hitters/utility:** Cesar Gutierrez, Eagle Pass, senior; Willie Lopez, Pleasanton, senior; Danny Saucedo, Medina Valley, junior; Bobby Sollock, Devine, junior; Freddy Venegas, Del Rio, senior.

**Coach of the Year:** Gary Grubbs, Brackett; Ruben Lozano, Eagle Pass.

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<b>TUESDAY, JULY 9</b> Donut Choice Of Fruit Juice Milk	<b>TUESDAY, JULY 9</b> Pizza Wedge Vegetable Salad/Dressing Fruit Milk
<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 10</b> Biscuit/Sausage Gravy Chilled Peaches Milk	<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 10</b> Hamburger/Cheese Burger Salad French Fries Fresh Fruit Milk
<b>THURSDAY, JULY 11</b> Pancakes (2) Syrup Pineapple Chunks Milk	<b>THURSDAY, JULY 11</b> Tacos - Cheese Cup Taco Salad Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Watermelon Wedge Milk
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# Del Rio National eliminates Kinney County

UVALDE - Del Rio National had eight hits and took advantage of seven errors en route to a 15-5 win over the Kinney County All-Stars Monday.

The loss eliminates the Kinney County All-Stars from the District 21 West Zone Senior League softball tournament.

Mary Balderas went all five innings on the hill for Del Rio, picking up the mound win. She gave up three earned runs on six hits while fanning four batters and walking four.

Erica Garcia pitched for Kinney County. In five innings of work, she allowed four earned runs on eight hits with nine walks and four strikeouts.

Patty Lopez and Latoya Wright both went 2 for 3 to lead K.C.'s offense.

Lopez had two runs and two RBI while Wright crossed home plate three times.

Del Rio took the lead early, scoring two runs in the top of the first inning. Cathy Garcia and Balderas both walked and scored on errors.

Kinney County came back and tied the score with two runs in the bottom half of the first. With one out, Wright singled up the middle, stole second, went to third on Tiffany Eckenrod's sacrifice, and scored on Lopez's double. Lopez scored on the same play due to a fielding error.

National scored four runs in the top of the second for a 6-2 advantage. Brittany Chamberlin led off and reached first on an error. Monica Fuentes and Garcia then walked to load the bases. Balderas reached

safely on error, which allowed Chamberlin and Fuentes to cross home plate. Zamm Segura then singled to center, driving in Garcia and Balderas.

Kinney County scored once in the bottom of the third to pull within three at 6-3. Wright singled up the middle, went to second on a passed ball, moved to third on Eckenrod's sacrifice and scored on an error.

Del Rio scored six runs in the top of the fourth to take a commanding 12-3 lead. Garcia led off with a double and then Marissa Flores and Balderas walked to load the bases. Segura singled in Garcia, Flores crossed home plate on an error and Balderas and Segura both scored on passed balls. Amber Morales walked and Chamberlin reached on an error. Both scored on Fuentes' double.

National added two more runs in the fifth for a 15-3 advantage. Flores led off with a single and scored on a triple by Balderas, who later crossed home plate on Segura's triple.

Kinney County added two more runs in the bottom half of the fifth. Jamie Bader led off with a single to center. Wright then reached on a fielder's choice as Bader was out on

**Del Rio Ntnl 15, Kinney County 5**

DelRio	Nt	ab	r	h	bi	KCounty	ab	r	h	bi	
Garcia	2b	2	3	1	0	Bader	ss	3	0	1	0
MFlores	ss	3	2	1	0	Wright	1b	3	3	2	0
Balderas	p	2	4	1	1	Eckenrod	cf	1	0	0	0
Segura	cf	4	2	3	4	Lopez	3b	3	2	2	2
LFlores	3b	4	0	0	0	Garcia	p	1	0	1	1
Morales	lf	2	1	0	0	STrazas	2b	3	0	0	0
Salinas	rf	0	0	0	0	Aguiere	c	2	0	0	0
Chmbln	rf	2	2	0	0	Luna	rf	0	0	0	0
DHoyos	rf	1	0	0	0	Garza	lf	0	0	0	0
Zuniga	1b	4	0	1	0	MTrazas	lf	1	0	0	0
Fuentes	c	2	1	2	1	Sandovl	rf	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Totals</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>

Del Rio National	.....	240	63	-15	8:3
Kinney County	.....	201	02	-5	6:7

**LOB -** Del Rio National 5, Kinney County 4. 3B - Balderas, Segura. 2B - Lopez (2), Zuniga, CGarcia, Fuentes. SB - Wright (2), CGarcia (2), Balderas.

	I	P	H	R	E	R	BB	SO
Del Rio National								
Balderas (W)	5	6	5	3	4	4		
Kinney County								
Garcia (L)	5	8	15	4	9	4		

the force at second. Wright stole second, went to third on a passed ball and scored on Lopez' double. Garcia then singled to left-center field, driving in Lopez.

# Terry wins \$100,000 after taking first place at Forrest Wood Open

HENDERSON, N.C. - Mike Terry of Obion, Tenn., won first place and a \$100,000, sport fishing's largest prize, in the Forrest Wood Open, the sixth tournament of competitive bass fishing's new FLW Tour held on Kerr Lake.

Terry survived three rounds of elimination competition and 159 other top professional anglers en route to the FLW Tour victory (competitive angling's equivalent to the PGA Tour for golfers) which featured a \$368,000 purse, the largest in competitive fishing history.

Tournament officials announced that the 1997 Forrest Wood Open will be held on Lake Minnetonka in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and will feature a \$1 million purse, the largest in history, and a \$200,000 first place prize.

In addition to his win in the Forrest Wood Open, Terry also secured a berth in the year-end FLW Tour's Johnson/Evinrude Championship on Lake Sinclair in Milledgeville, Georgia, November 5-8, 1996, where he will compete against 59 other professional anglers for a \$25,000 Ranger boat and a \$62,000 purse.

Terry, competing in the final round of competition against David Wright of Lexington, North Carolina, David Fritts of Lexington, North Carolina, Travis Stephenson of Lexington, North Carolina, and Denny Brauer of Camdenton, Missouri,

landed five bass weighing 18 pounds, 1 ounce to take top honors.

Terry fished secondary points in the Nutbush area using V&M lizards, 8 inch Needle worms and one-half ounce Rattlin' Flipping jigs. Runner-up in the Pro Division was David Wright of Lexington, North Carolina, five bass, 11 pounds, 13 ounces, \$15,000 and (5) Denny Brauer, Camdenton, Missouri, five bass, 9 pounds, 14 ounces, \$10,000.

In the Amateur Division, Anthony Gossett of Oak Ridge, North Carolina, took top honors and \$15,000 for his catch totaling 12 pounds, 8 ounces.

Rounding out the top positions in the Amateur Division were: (2) Robert Mullins, Vinton, Virginia, 11 pounds, 14 ounces, \$6,275; (3) Bo Grosvenor, Rustburg, Virginia, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, \$3,000; (4) John Van Cleave, Eufaula, Oklahoma, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, \$2,000; and (5) Brian Kingsley, Lawrence, Kansas, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, \$1,500.

Each of the FLW Tour's Johnson/Evinrude Pro/Am events are being filmed by ESPN 2 as part of a 13-week fishing series covering the FLW Tour which will begin airing in October 1996.

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COUNTY AGENT NEWS

by Alan L. McWilliams

Grass clippings make good compost

When I suggest to people that they should start a compost pile to use around their home landscape, the most common statement is — I just don't have a space big enough. But I don't believe people realize just how small a space they need in order to have a good compost pile that can add valuable material back to the soil.

Just four pieces of landscape timber or other material will make an edge to contain the compost. It can be as small an area as two feet by four feet. As long as you keep it turned over and watered every once in a while, it will make as good a compost as one ten times the size!

Instead of throwing grass clippings away each time you mow your lawn, put them to good use in a compost pile. Compost is a good source of organic matter for gardens and flower beds. Furthermore, composting is an excellent way to dispose of garden debris, leaves and similar plant material.

The simplest composting method is to alternate 4 to 6 inch layers of plant matter, such as leaves or grass, with 2 to 4 inches of good garden soil. Add manure, if available, and sprinkle commercial fertilizer on each layer of plant matter to speed up the decomposition process. Use a cupful of fertilizer with a 1-1-1 ratio per 10 square feet.

The top layer of the compost pile should be soil and surface should form a basin to hold water. Water each layer of organic matter before adding the soil layer. Water the pile thoroughly when completed. Add water as needed to keep the material moist but not soggy. Leaves decompose very slowly if they are too dry.

Turn the compost every three to four months to aerate the material and speed decomposition. Within six months to a year, your compost will be ready to use and you'll enjoy what it can do for your beds and plants.

Irrigation tips for hot water

Here are some timely tips to get the most from irrigation water to keep plants and lawns healthy while conserving water as well as keeping water costs to a minimum.

1. Practice slow, deep watering to allow roots to penetrate deeper so that plants become more stress-resistant. The deeper the roots grow down, the less they are affected by heat, cold and drought.

2. Soaker hoses and drip irrigation systems work well on trees and shrubs. It's more efficient to water at night or early in the morning because evaporation is less at these times. However, remember that with our high humidity, watering at night promotes diseases in lawns and shrubs.

3. Too much water can be as hard or even worse on plants than not enough. Apply water no faster than the soil can absorb it and give plants time to dry out between irrigation instead of keeping the soil wet constantly.

4. Plants and grass growing on mounds or slopes like the drainage area in front of a lot of homes, suffer from drought stress more easily than those on level areas, so these require more frequent watering.

5. Never fertilize landscape plants when the soil is dry. It is best to water one day, apply fertilizer the next day, and then water again. Fertilizer will do no good unless it is dissolved and moved into the soil.

6. Treat water as a valuable resource. Use it to water plants when needed but do not waste water. Although considered a renewable resource, good water supplies are becoming scarce in Texas.

If you are in the courthouse, stop by and visit the Extension publications boards on the walls of the second floor lobby. They contain a variety of helpful bulletins on various topics ranging from plants, insects, diseases and other topics. They are free of charge and everyone is welcomed to browse through them.

Businesses in selected counties may be eligible for economic injury disaster loans

SAN ANTONIO, July 01 — Businesses depending on farmers and ranchers in some Texas counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Drought which occurred during the period of January 1, 1995 through March 12, 1996 and continuing caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster through other Federal agencies. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply.

Businesses in the following counties affected by drought which occurred June 1, 1995 through March 7, 1996 and continuing have until January 8, 1997 to apply:

Atascosa	La Salle	Uvalde
Dimmit	McMullen	Zavala
Frio	Medina	

Businesses in the following counties affected by prolonged drought which occurred January 1 through December 31, 1995 and continuing have until January 13, 1997 to apply:

Dimmit	Maverick	Uvalde
Frio	Medina	Zavala
Kinney		

Businesses in the following counties affected by drought which occurred January 1, 1995 through March 12, 1996 and continuing also have until January 13, 1997 to apply:

Dimmit	La Salle	Webb
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Frio Maverick Zavala To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

Due to the drought, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. Businesses that are dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels. To the extent these problems have caused the business difficulty in meeting its normal obligations, these loans may be of assistance. The loan can help a business meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not eligible under this program.

The loan is designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

Loans may be approved for up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are four percent (4%) and terms may extend to thirty (30) years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. To qualify, businesses must be small by SBA's size standard. Businesses which can meet their financial needs through other sources are not eligible.

Farm & Ranch

Sea World of Texas to host composting class July 19, 20

SAN ANTONIO (June 28, 1996) — As part of its ongoing environmental efforts, Sea World of Texas plans to get "down and dirty" as host of a Master Composter Class on Friday and Saturday, July 19 and 20.

The Master Composter Training Program shows participants how to reduce the volume of organic waste materials generated, and how to recycle and reuse such resources. Attendees learn the technical side of composting, with lectures and demonstrations on the Don't Bag It Lawn Care Program, mulching, backyard composting, vermicomposting (the use of worms to enrich soil) and centralized composting. The class is open to anyone who is interested, and to attain master composter status, attendees must teach 20 other people what they have learned.

The Master Composter Training Program, co-sponsored by the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) and the Corporate Recycling Council of San Antonio, is modeled after the Master Composter Program of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission. For more information on the program, contact Dr. Georgia Zannaras of AACOG at (210) 225-5201.

Sea World of Texas plans to enroll the park's landscaping employees in the class. "Because of dwindling landfill space, alternative ways of dealing with what is considered trash must be found," said Terry Prather, manager of security and environmental affairs for Sea World of Texas, noting that four million tons of compostable waste are sent to Texas landfills each year. "When we combine our recycling efforts with composting, we can make a big difference."

Prather is particularly intrigued with the portion of the Master

Composter Program which requires attendees to teach others about composting. "Through this class, we hope not only to build our own composting program, but also have a positive effect on many others in the community," he said.

Sea World of Texas volunteered to host the Master Composting Class as part of the park's continuing commitment to advancing environmental education. Sea World not only promotes community awareness of environmental matters, but also sponsors the Sea World Environmental Action Team, or SWEAT, comprised entirely of employee volunteers. SWEAT tackles programs emphasizing recycling and waste reduction, water conservation, energy management, and education and information.

Sea World of Texas is an Anheuser-Busch Theme Park, which subscribes to the tenets of Anheuser-Busch's "A Pledge and a Promise" environmental program. Other Anheuser-Busch parks are Busch Gardens in Tampa Bay, Fla., and Williamsburg, Va.; Sea World marine life parks in Orlando, San Diego and Cleveland; Adventure Island in Tampa Bay; Water Country USA in Williamsburg; and Sesame Place near Philadelphia.

Anheuser-Busch Theme Parks, which employ more than 15,000 people, are the official theme park sponsor of the 1996 Olympic Games. A leader in conservation and education, the Anheuser-Busch Theme Parks maintain an animal information site on the World Wide Web designed especially for students and teachers at <http://www.bev.net/education/SeaWorld>. To learn more about the Anheuser-Busch Theme Parks, visit the parks' interactive Web site at <http://www.4adventure.com> or call toll-free (800) 4ADVENTURE.

Federal banking regulators try to strangle Texas ranchers with red-tape

AUSTIN - The Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas (ICA) is appealing to the Texas congressional delegation for help in fending off federal banking regulators who have imposed strict cashflow lending guidelines that are strangling the state's family ranchers.

In a letter to the delegation, ICA President Jim Selman notes that Texas ranchers are currently facing an unprecedented threat to their livelihoods due to the extreme drought, low cattle prices, record feed grain prices, foreign competition, and possible market and price controls by the meat packing industry.

Selman's letter warns the delegation that, "If we stand idly by and do nothing, a principal part of the heritage of Texas - our family farmers - the guardians of our most precious renewable resources will no longer be on the land and may be lost."

Selman states that banking regulators are imposing strict, arbitrary cashflow lending guidelines that are creating new lending barriers -- preventing ranchers from getting the money they need to get past the crises they now face.

While acknowledging cashflow lending may make sense in overheated speculation-driven industries, the letter points out that it does not make sense in a capital-intensive, low-margin industry such as cattle ranching.

"Ranchers are having to resort to borrowing cash to avert liquidating their principal productive asset, their 'mamma cows,' an asset the market has devaluated by up to 80 percent because of the combination of disasters facing us," Selman said.

"We are not asking for a hand-out," Selman emphasizes in his letter. "We are asking you to take whatever steps necessary to authorize direct lending at a rate of interest in

excess of inflation. As long as sufficient value is present to insure repayment, there is no danger to the taxpayer and no danger to the Treasury. "We ask your assistance," Selman adds, "to avert a disaster that does not have to happen."

Wildlife Expo '96: A tradition whose time has come ... again

By Henry Lutz  
Kinney County, Game Warden

AUSTIN--For many, the traditions which constitute Texas' outdoor heritage are born out of personal experiences afield with family and friends. For some, those traditions have been rekindled, and in some instances created, through a unique weekend celebration of the outdoor experience here each fall at Texas Wildlife Expo. This year's event, which is free to the public, is scheduled for Oct. 4-6.

New events planned for Expo '96 include a man-made 90-foot by 120-foot "wet zone" artificial waterway where youngsters can learn canoeing basics and water safety and two new hands-on youth conservation education activities from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service focusing on hunting, angling and responsible natural resource stewardship.

Many of the programs at Expo are tailored to introduce youth to the outdoors, including a new exhibit outlining various projects of the Texas Field and Stream Program. The program was established last year by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and TPWD.

Other planned new events include: \*A Wilderness Challenge outdoor orienteering course and primitive toolmaking demonstrations by TPWD Public Lands staff.

\*Video archery and firearms shooting system, presented by TPWD Hunter Education staff.

\*Educational seminars on "Learning About The Outdoors" and "Hooked On Fishing, Not On Drugs."

Many of the popular events from previous Expos will return. John Karger with Last Chance Forever, The Bird of Prey Conservancy in San Antonio will present raptor demonstrations featuring rehabilitated eagles, hawks and falcons.

Sporting clays shooting for youths and adults, which drew several thousand participants last year, will return. Two five-stand sporting clays facilities, sponsored by Winchester and TPWD, will allow novice and experienced shooters a chance to try sporting clays. Winchester also will sponsor a youth shooting area.

The youth fishing area, which also drew thousands of participants, will be back again this year with both trout and catfishing tanks available.

Texas Wildlife Expo '95 was attended by some 37,000 people, about half of them youth. Over 200 exhibitors representing all facets of the hunting and fishing industry and conservation groups, as well as several TPWD programs, will have booths set up at this year's event.

The new theme for Texas Wildlife Expo '96 is "Catch The Outdoor Action" said Anne Jones Helbing, TPWD director of special projects.

Her role includes coordinating the fund-raising that allows the Expo to remain a free event with no entrance or activity fees. A new graphic image featuring a fishing hook and artificial fly has been created to go along with this year's Expo theme. The background color is a bright purple typical of many fishing lures, and the theme slogan and graphic are shown in hunter orange, thus merging the two traditional activities that gave rise to the Expo, which has grown to include a wide array of new and old outdoor pastimes and conservation efforts.

The Expo is designed to create public awareness of the importance of hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation; focus public attention on the contributions hunters, anglers and other outdoor users have made to preserve the abundant wildlife and natural resources of Texas; inform new generations of Texans about the history of hunting, fishing and the outdoors; and underscore the critical role of hunting, fishing and the outdoors in wildlife management and resource conservation.

A special celebrity sporting clays shoot and awards banquet kicks-off Expo '96 on Friday evening, Oct. 4. Tickets for the banquet will range from \$50 to \$125. Proceeds from the Expo will benefit the Conservation Scholarship Fund set up through the Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas Scholarship Fund. For more ticket information call 512-389-4702.

For information on Expo '96 contact Bob Hauser at TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or call 1-800-792-1112 or (512) 389-4472.



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# TDH program wins national honor for medical information technology

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) Immunization Division has been chosen as winner among five national finalists to receive the prestigious 1996 Computerworld Smithsonian Award (CWSA) for advanced technology in the field of medicine.

The Immunization Division's comprehensive data system called Imm Trac, which will store Texas children's immunization records, has been recognized by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., as one of the nation's most beneficial new medical advances. Imm Trac will become part of a permanent Smithsonian display.

Accepting the award on behalf of TDH were Robert D. Crider, director of the TDH Immunization Division, and Ann Syptak, program manager for the Immunization Division's Imm Trac system. Formal award

presentation ceremonies were held June 4 at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

When fully operational, the Imm Trac system will offer Texas physicians and health care personnel complete immunization records for any child in the state. Medical personnel will be able to refer to Imm Trac about whether any child in their care may have missed a needed immunization and then will have the opportunity to give the child that immunization immediately. The system also can provide parents with proof of their children's immunizations. Another feature of the program will automatically notify parents by phone when the records show that a child is due or late in getting a required vaccination or booster.

The computer system for the Imm Trac service was developed by Electronic Data

Systems, Inc., (EDS) by contract with TDH. Other private businesses, agencies and non-profit organizations have contributed to equipment purchases.

Dr. David R. Smith, Texas Commissioner of Health, said, "Imm Trac is a marvelous achievement for TDH and its efforts to ensure comprehensive immunizations for the state's children. The Smithsonian's choice of the program for the CWSA award is fitting praise for TDH and its partners who have cooperatively assured the program's success. Imm Trac is the kind of pioneering project that demonstrates government at its best."

He added, "The TDH Immunization Division, already nationally honored for the success of its continuing Shots Across Texas campaign, has taken yet another giant step with Imm Trac."

Smith explained that Imm Trac will become available in stages, as computer equipment can be secured, and individual records entered into the system. "Although the costs for equipment, training and staff are formidable, some of our most generous private-sector partners have offered their vital support. The Meadows Foundation of Dallas, for example, has donated \$505,000 to help pay for computers in many of the state's local health departments to begin recording childhood immunizations in their areas."

The CWSA honor has been called the nation's premier award program promoting information technology. Each year, five finalists in each of 10 categories are chosen for exceptional achievements in their categories. All 50 finalists this year were honored June 3 in Washington, D.C., where details

of their achievements will be added to the Smithsonian Institution's research collection.

The winners in each category were announced at CWSA's 8th annual awards dinner at the National Building Museum Monday evening. In addition to contributing to the Smithsonian's research collection as a finalist, the Imm Trac system and the projects of the other nine winners also will be added to a permanent Smithsonian exhibit titled, "The Information Age: People, Information, and Technology." The exhibit has attracted about 3 million visitors to the museum.

The 50 finalists were chosen from among 341 nominations by leaders of 100 of the nation's leading information technology companies. Nominees this year represented 39 states and 18 foreign countries. In each category, three judges - experts in their specialties - chose the finalists and winners.

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6 Nebbish  
11 Block the way  
14 Haul a heap  
17 Where the  
buoys are  
18 Mobile  
homes?  
20 Some  
21 "The truth  
at last!"  
22 Bunch of  
Barrys  
26 Last word  
of the year?  
27 Jacket part  
28 See 98 Down  
29 Present  
30 Nev. neighbor  
31 Vietnam's  
— Van Thieu  
34 Squinted  
36 Garden walk?  
40 Kansas city  
41 He's beside  
himself  
43 Gobs of  
Garrys  
50 Nurse's  
helper  
51 Kind of file  
52 Like some  
orange juice  
53 Dolores —  
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54 Salty spread  
55 Play ground?  
57 Nest noise  
58 Blazing  
60 "Mr. Televi-  
sion"  
61 1979 movie,  
"North  
Dallas —"  
62 Record  
feature  
63 Deals with  
a turkey  
65 Funnyman  
Philips  
66 "Wuthering  
Heights"  
author  
67 Horror-movie  
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68 Brimming  
70 Dress part  
71 Add a lane  
72 Automation  
73 Undue speed  
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80 Rosalind  
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88 Forest  
females  
89 Dissent  
90 Nimble  
93 Aruba or  
Atlantis  
96 Enclosure  
97 Fly high  
98 Narcissus'  
nymph  
99 "Pshaw!"  
100 Once again  
104 Lots of Larrys  
112 Actress Taina  
111 Boathouse  
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113 Venture an  
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2 In need of a  
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3 Equine  
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4 Yard entry  
5 "Murder —"  
poem  
6 Time in office  
7 Spider's  
snare  
8 Graph starter  
9 Cartoon  
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10 Lee or Lipton  
11 Lap warmer?  
12 With 114  
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Michigan city  
13 Deli loaf  
14 Circus  
employee  
15 Chicago  
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16 Came to a  
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18 Made tracks  
19 Lassie's  
father  
23 Public official  
Hills  
24 "Jaws" author  
25 Revolutionary  
invention?  
30 "Way to go,  
Escamillol!"  
31 Ominous loop  
32 Messy stuff  
33 Mideast  
letters  
34 Liqueur glass  
35 Gridiron  
position  
36 Christmas-  
tree topper  
37 Small combo  
38 Discourteous  
39 Pindaric  
poem  
40 Semblance  
42 Certain Finn  
44 They separ-  
ate Europe  
from Asia  
45 "Silkwood"  
screenwriter  
46 Bird-feeder  
fare  
47 Numskull  
48 Novocaine  
target  
49 Merriment  
55 Magnificent  
number?  
56 Travel with  
Spock?  
57 Dancer's  
partner  
58 Faced the  
day  
59 Baptism site  
60 Cheese-  
board choice  
61 Giordano  
opera  
62 Pluck  
63 Uniform  
fabric  
64 Passion  
66 Sewing  
instruction  
67 Took a dip  
68 Pining away  
69 Explorer  
Tasman  
70 Kermit's  
beauty  
spots?  
72 Melodious  
McEntire  
73 Sharpened  
a skill  
74 Drac's wrap  
75 "Lucky Jim"  
author  
76 Turn down  
78 Agitated  
state  
79 Any time  
now  
80 Scratch the  
surface  
82 Maestro Solti  
83 "Freedom  
Road" star  
84 Regulatory  
agcy.  
85 Solace  
86 Party  
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90 Inquired  
91 Ornamental  
mat  
92 Kitchen  
appliance  
94 Molt  
95 Miller's  
salesman  
96 Compassion  
98 With 28  
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choice  
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"The Nanny"  
100 Curly coil  
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**Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.**  
Bundt cake Granola Kinescope Tarmac  
Cellophane Heroin Leatherette Wedgie  
Dry ice Jungle gym Linoleum Yo-yo  
Escalator Kewpie Minibike

### Vision Teaser

Find at least six differences in details between panels.  
Differences: 1. Buzzards are missing. 2. His are switched. 3. Backpack is removed. 4. Skeleton is added. 5. Sign is switched. 6. Sun is larger.

### Natasha's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)  
You're on top of things where your job interests are concerned. However, you could have misgivings early in the week about a certain relationship matter. It's in your best interest to admit when you've been wrong. Others react favorably to humility.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)  
One of your friendships will be strengthened this week. A task which is assigned you early on is troublesome. However, as a result of executing it successfully, your future prospects take a turn for the better.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)  
You're all business and you'll allow nothing to distract you from your goals this week. You know that hard work brings positive results. However, you must be patient with the final decision of a higher-up. This is subject to change.  
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)  
Take a break this week and clear your mind. This leads to new insights. Capitalize on those new opportunities which arise in the latter part of the week. Although you have mixed feelings about socializing this weekend, it's not the time for you to seek the spotlight.  
**LEO** (July 23 to August 22)  
Although you probably shouldn't burn the candle at both ends for the sake of your health, social visits will prove very rewarding this week. You'll make important progress with creative pursuits. It's also a good week to begin a new area of study.  
**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22)  
You'll intensify your efforts to get ahead in life this week as the push is on to succeed. A ticklish business situation requires your special touch later in the week. If offered a deal, you can feel free to sign that contract.  
**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22)  
Think twice before making a purchase this week as you could have regrets later and a possible argument with a partner. However, things basically will go very much your way romantically this weekend if you're wise.  
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18)  
You're likely this week to receive extra responsibilities in connection with child-rearing or a family matter. However, it also will bring important career developments. Explore another's innovative ideas.  
**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20)  
Financial prospects should improve this week. Getting an unfinished task out of the way will be easier than you had anticipated. Sometimes, you have a tendency to become overly anxious. Simply tackle this one step at a time.  
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Superintendent  
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**Castroville hosts area fine art show**

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Although not restricted to South Texas artists, it is expected that most art will come from San Antonio and the area south, including the counties of Medina, Frio, Atascosa, LaSalle, Bexar, Uvalde, Bandera, Dimmit, Zavala, Webb and others.

Bobbie Fischer of the Medina Valley Art Society reports that already signed up are oil and acrylic artists, potters, pen and ink and water color artists. Artists may still enter the shows. For the Castroville show, call 210-931-3090 or 622-3838.

Artists may register up to the last minute, \$40.00 for booth space, a small additional fee for items the artist wants to have judged. Art is not screened or juried but it should be fine art rather than crafts. Show is partially funded by Texas Commission for the Arts.

The Medina Valley Art Society, Market Trail and Castroville Chamber of Commerce urge the public to take advantage of this opportunity to see the really fine art being produced in rural South Texas.

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