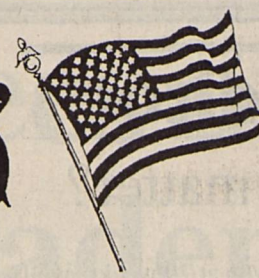


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Border Patrol rescues 11 aliens from boxcar

U.S. Border Patrol agents rescued 11 illegal aliens from a boxcar of an eastbound train stopped near Spofford at approximately 6 a.m. Friday.

The agents opened the car and found 11 Mexican citizens riding in the locked car. All were hot and tired, but breathing fine despite the lack of air holes or vents in the car. The agents reported the aliens had no food or water.

Several of those rescued had been recruited in Sabinas, Mexico, while the others had been recruited at El Central Park in Piedras Negras, Mexico. The group had entered the United States by wading across the Rio Grande River near Eagle Pass.

According to the Mexican Nationals, they were guided to some railroad tracks where they waited for several days until a train stopped. At that time, the smuggler who recruited them loaded them into the boxcar and locked them inside, telling them he would see them in San Antonio.

Border Patrol officials are concerned about the life threatening conditions to which smugglers expose human beings. Temperatures within these train containers can reach levels of more than 150 degrees and can cause serious injury, including death.

Officials to organize San Antonio-El Paso Road Sesquicentennial

The first organizational meeting of the proposed San Antonio-El Paso Road Sesquicentennial Committee will be held on Monday, July 27, at 10:30 a.m. at the Landmark Inn State Historical Park in Castroville.

The committee's plan is to get all of the interested parties together and see what each has to offer in way of helping mark the anniversary of the establishment of the road. Officials plan to coordinate publicity, foster awareness and share historical information.

The history of the San Antonio-El Paso Road is far more than regional. It is an important historical roadway of national significance, especially with its strong links to the California Gold Rush and U.S. Army system of fortifications.

For more information, call June Secrist or Kevin Young at the Landmark Inn State Historical Park at (830) 931-2133.



Sam Carter of San Angelo spreads concrete at Brackett ISD's new tennis complex. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Council to discuss contract to provide water to Spofford

The Brackettville City Council began contract negotiations this week to provide water to the City of Spofford.

"We have a document and we're just trying to present an outline of what will be a contract between the two cities for providing water to Spofford," City Attorney Pat Dodson said at Tuesday's regular meeting. "It's just a working draft for both sides."

"I know everyone's anxious to get a contract and get things moving forward on both sides," he added. Officials from the City of Spofford had not seen the draft prior to Tuesday's meeting.

"Three big items that we have discussed that need to be decided are the maximum volume of water that the City of Spofford would be needing and the City of Brackettville would be contracted to deliver, the price to be paid for that water, and the term of this contract," Dodson said. "I think those are three big items."

Dodson said the City of Brackettville is considering a maximum volume of 1 million gallons per month.

"Based on our understanding, Spofford should never need that much water," he said.

The City Council is seeking a short-term contract, which would be evaluated annually.

"We are suggesting that we get into a short-term contract where both sides would benefit," Dodson

"I believe the council feels that they would like to charge the City of Spofford at least what it's costing the citizens of Brackettville."

City Attorney Pat Dodson

said.

"I know both cities have to prepare and live by a budget on an annual basis. The charges involved with providing water to the City of Spofford should certainly be a part of the budget each year for the City of Brackettville. There may be things that we can't even see right now that may influence the cost of delivering water."

After minimum charges, the City of Brackettville is charging its citizens \$1.25 per thousand gallons of water. Spofford is currently paying 75 cents per thousand gallons to the Fort Clark Municipal Utility District.

"I believe the council feels that they would like to charge the City of Spofford at least what it's costing the citizens of Brackettville," Dodson said.

"The council has not made any decisions on any of these terms," he said. "These are things that were discussed in executive session."

The City Council will discuss the water contract Monday night at 6 during a special meeting.

Appraisal District pursues Kreiger building

The Kinney County Appraisal District Board of Directors has voted to pursue the purchase of the Kreiger Insurance building to house the district's office, which is currently located in the Las Moras Masonic Lodge building.

In a letter to the taxing entities of Kinney County, Appraisal District Board Chairman Jimmy Bader said "owning the Kreiger building will be a good economic investment."

Chief Appraiser Joyce Fuentes said the

Appraisal District has paid approximately \$54,000 in rent to the Masonic Lodge over the past 14 years.

Under the Texas Property Tax Appraisal District guidelines, governing bodies of the taxing units must approve the proposed purchase.

The Kinney County Commissioners Court, Brackett School Board and Brackettville City Council all discussed the issue at regular meetings this week, but tabled the item because of lack of available

information.

According to Fuentes, the City of Spofford passed a resolution in support of the transaction.

The Appraisal District currently has a 15-year lease with the Masonic Lodge that runs through Dec. 31, 2000.

A clause in the lease says that "either party may terminate this lease agreement by giving one year notice of termination in writing."

Fuentes said that the Appraisal District

has requested that the clause be waived.

The Masonic Lodge has not taken action on the request.

Fuentes said that if the request is denied to waive the one year notice, the Appraisal District could pay the next year's rent with accumulated savings.

The Brackett School Board and the Brackettville City Council will discuss the issue at special meetings on Monday. The Kinney County Commissioners has not yet set an agenda for further discussion.

J.P. refuses to try city cases

Kinney County Justice of the Peace John Ford has refused to try any cases from the City of Brackettville without an interlocal agreement between the two entities "to protect the county and the city."

"I believe that there should be an interlocal agreement between the City of Brackettville and the J.P.'s office for J.P. services out of the county," Ford said at Monday's regular Commissioners Court meeting.

The county commissioners discussed an interlocal agreement and asked Ford to have County Attorney Tully Shahan look into the legalities of the issue.

City Secretary David Luna informed the City Council of the situation at Tuesday's regular meeting.

Luna said Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry told him Tuesday morning that Justice of the Peace John Ford asked that his name not appear on any future tickets given inside the city limits.

"I felt it would have been more appropriate if the J.P. would have said something to the council," Luna said.

City and county officials both discussed Mayor Carmen Berlanga's role as a municipal judge.

The Local Government Code says: "In a general-law city, the mayor is ex officio judge of the municipal court unless the municipality by ordinance authorizes the election of the judge or provides for the appointment and qualifications of the judge."

In February 1992, the City Council passed an ordinance allowing the judge of the municipal court to be appointed by the mayor with a majority vote of the council.

The term of the municipal judge is for two years and runs concurrently with the mayor's position, according to the ordinance.

The City Council will discuss the municipal judge's position and an interlocal agreement on Monday at 6 p.m. at a special meeting at City Hall.

School Board hires three new elementary teachers

The Brackett School Board hired three new elementary teachers Monday at its monthly meeting.

Sylvia Donaldson and Olivia Robinette were hired as fourth grade teachers and Rachel Morgan will fill a kindergarten vacancy.

The School Board also accepted a letter of resignation from Lori Schuster and considered a letter of intent from Kimberly Broussard. Both taught fourth grade last year.

Donaldson received her bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University. She has six years of experience, including three years at Garland ISD in Rowlett, Texas,

two years at Mesquite ISD, and one year at Dallas ISD.

Robinette, a graduate of Abilene Christian University, has worked eight years in the teaching field. She was at Buena Vista Elementary in Del Rio for four years, East Texas Christian in Tyler, Texas, for three years, and at Christian Academy in St. Louis for one year.

Morgan is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She taught at Mitchell Elementary in Ann Arbor, Mich., last year.

The school district still has vacancies for a middle school history teacher and coach, an elementary school special education teacher, and an elementary counselor.

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Local students attend Farm Bureau's Citizenship Seminar

SAN ANGELO -- Lindsey Brotherton and Shannon Barnes attended the Texas Farm Bureau's 35th annual Citizenship Seminar held here last month.

Brotherton and Barnes were sponsored by the Kinney/Val Verde County Farm Bureau and were among approximately 350 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to County Farm Bureau President Jim McDaniel of Brackettville.

The students were welcomed to the seminar by Dr. James Hindman, president of Angelo State University. "Farm Bureau - Your Host" was presented by Bob Stallman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau.



Lindsey Brotherton, left, and Shannon Barnes represented the Kinney/Val Verde County Farm Bureau at a citizenship seminar last month in San Angelo. Photo Special to The Brackett News

Council OKs AD's budget

The Brackettville City Council approved the Kinney County Appraisal District's budget Tuesday.

The proposed budget for the Appraisal District is 4.18 percent higher than the current budget, up from \$152,160 to \$158,516.

The biggest increase in the proposed budget is the line item for service and maintenance, which is proposed at \$21,000, up from \$18,000. The line item includes \$16,340 for computer software maintenance.

The chief appraiser's annual salary remained \$32,960, while the bookkeeper's salary increased from \$16,800 to \$17,304 and the clerk's increased from \$11,290 to \$12,984.

Letter to the Editor

Does character really matter?

I address this letter to anyone who has wondered if character really matters in community leaders and leaders in our government.

For example, many people insist that President Clinton's character doesn't affect his job, but Clinton governs based on his thoughts, the same thoughts that make up his character.

Little or no effort is made by Clinton supporters to defend his character, other than to say character doesn't matter. But does Clinton's character affect his policy?

Twice Clinton has vetoed a bill that would have banned "partial-birth abortion," even after a provision was added, "except to save the life of a mother."

Although usually used in the fifth and sixth months, this hideous procedure has been used to perform abortions in the third trimester (the seventh month and later), most notably by the developer of the method, the late Dr. James McMahon.

In a written submission to the House Judiciary Committee (June 1995), McMahon acknowledged that he performed such abortions on babies with no "flaw" whatsoever, even in the third trimester, for such reasons as mere youth of the mother or for "psychiatric"

difficulties. Indeed, even at 29 weeks (well into the seventh month), a quarter of the babies that McMahon aborted had no "flaw," however minor.

McMahon's submission showed that in about 2,000 such abortions that he had performed, only 9 percent were performed for "maternal (health) indications," and of that group, the most common reason was "depression."

This is just one example, among many, of how the character-flawed thoughts of Clinton work.

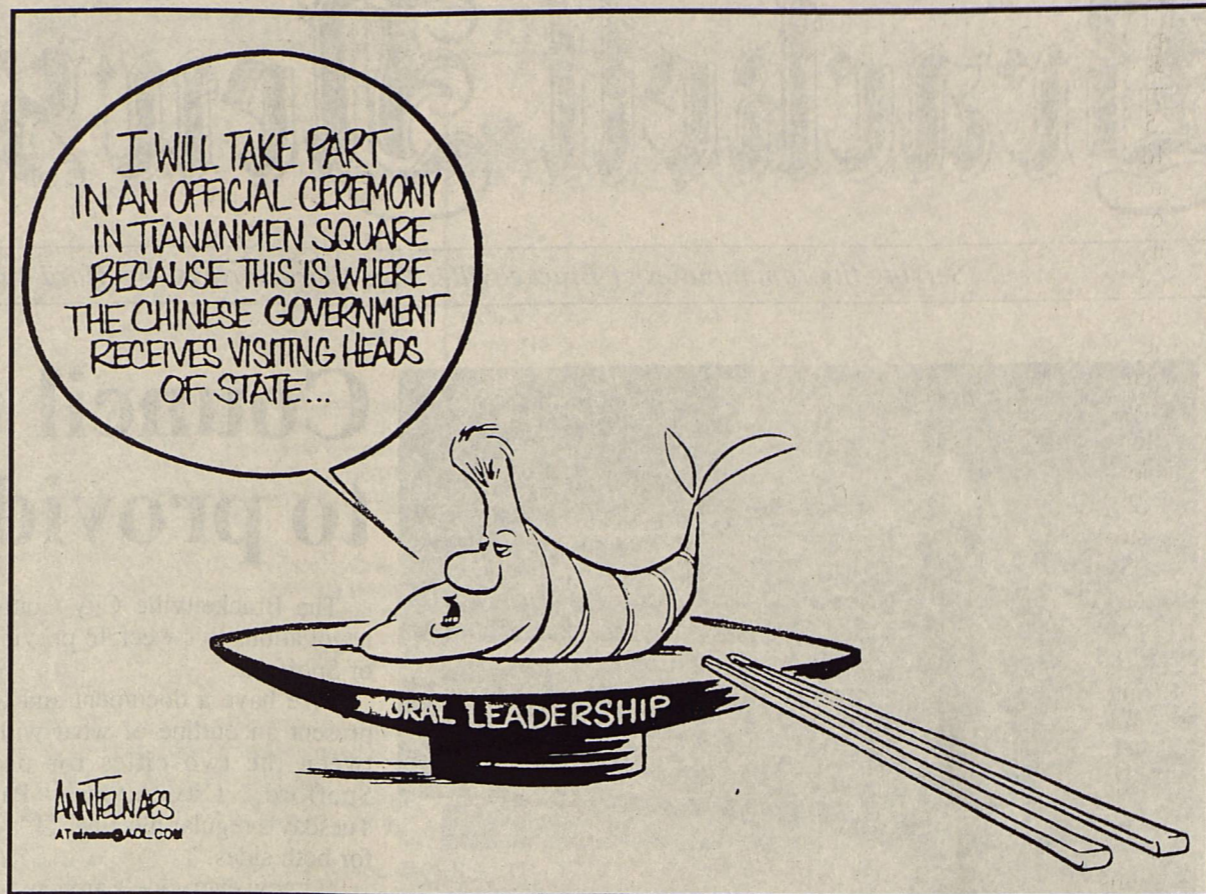
But what can we expect from a president that on national TV talks about what kind of underwear he wears and asks the audience to guess why as a teenager he lined the back of his El Camino with astroturf?

When asked by a young boy on MTV, "if you had it to do over again would you inhale," while laughing Clinton replies, "Sure, I would have inhaled back then, but I had a sore throat."

That's what we can expect from a disgraceful individual like Clinton.

This is your president after doing drugs -- any questions?

Dave Reinhold



Sole motivation of EMS should be transportation

There is and will be continuing pressure to charge taxpayers additional thousands of dollars to spend on EMS.

We certainly need an ambulance service here. We have had one for the 32-plus years I've lived here. Most of that time we had a volunteer service manned by local men.

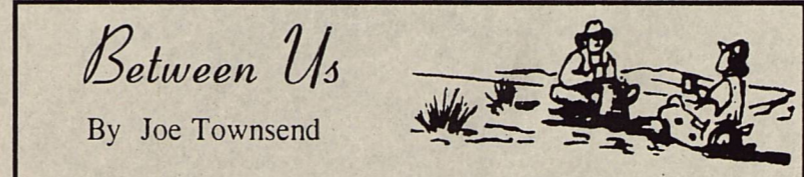
In all those years, we never lost a patient. There were cases of massive strokes, massive heart attacks and horrible accidents on the highways.

There was a different concept in those days. Ambulance service had one motivation -- get the patient to the hospital as speedily as possible.

Ambulances were not rolling hospital rooms (even ICUs). Attendants were not amateur wannabe doctors.

When a call came, an ambulance was there in a matter of minutes and on the way to the hospital post haste.

What a different game today. It's not uncommon (even with paid attendants) for an ambulance to require 20 to 30 minutes to arrive at the call. It's not uncommon for the attendant to take 15 to 20 minutes to fill out paper work before even loading the patient. This is



all in the name of effective service.

It's a common practice for the EMS to follow the fire truck on call. On one occasion, there was no need for the EMS, but someone found a cat and three attendants cared for the cat, even giving it oxygen.

Recently, I had occasion to go to Del Rio by ambulance. On this occasion, the driver and attendants were fast, efficient and model of appropriate action.

I waited weeks for a bill. I finally had a call from a collection agency in Austin as I remember. He said he had filed with Medicare and they turned it down.

Why am I not surprised, I have no Medicare coverage. He asked about other insurance. I told him to send me the bill and I would pay it.

Weeks passed and I received a notice from my insurance company. He had filed four claims, one for \$80, one for \$70, one for \$20 and one for \$4. All for one

ambulance ride to Del Rio.

On further checking, I found I had been talking to a collection agency (which according to my information gets 20 percent of all the money that comes in).

I found the EMS does not bill nor collect for services. It seems we have an agency that likes to play the big shot and continually beg for more money.

With a local clinic and outstanding hospital facilities 30 minutes away, we need an ambulance service that is an emergency service with one thing in mind -- transportation of the patient.

To pay exorbitant salaries to highly qualified personnel to obfuscate and delay the needs of those in emergency situations is ridiculous on the face of it.

To rip the taxpayers off to sustain the game should never happen.

Thinking heads should look carefully at the situation rather than bow to dreamers with dollar marks in their eyes.

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Plowing backward on crop insurance

There's a story Texans tell about the northern fella who decided to go into farming and got his tractor stuck in reverse. He unplowed three acres.

That pretty much describes what the U.S. Department of Agriculture was planning to do with the way it processes crop insurance claims this year.

Last month, the Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency proposed changing the rules governing appraisal and adjustment procedures for crop insurance policies on non-emerged seed resulting from a lack of moisture. In layman's language, this means seeds that fail to grow due to lack of rain.

The draft regulation would have deferred appraisals in such cases to 25 days after the final planting date. During drought conditions, a seven-day appraisal process has been the historical practice.

To me, this was just one more example of bureaucratic excess, rushing to fix a problem without first taking into account all the possible ramifications of a given action.

We see it all the time. Federal regulators jump the gun and step in, often making a situation worse.

I heard from many Texas producers and insurers who were extremely concerned about the possible ramifications of the proposed change. These farmers purchased 1998 policies in good faith, based on their current understanding of how the program works.

CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

It would be grossly unfair to make substantive changes in the administration of these policies now, when the relevant sales closing dates have passed, and when farmers have made critical business decisions based on the original terms of the policies.

The agency asserts that the program is vulnerable to abuse. If that is so, Congress and the Department of Agriculture will need to work together to correct it.

I intend to collaborate with the Department of Agriculture to find the fairest and most reasonable solution to any underlying problems with the federal crop insurance program. In the meantime, the department's Risk Management Agency has agreed to my request to delay changing the procedures on this year's policies. That will give the USDA and Congress time to revisit how policies can best be structured to prevent these problems in the future.

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A warning call (Part IV)

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

The job of our armed forces is to train, fight and win wars. If our troops were called upon to fight a war in the near future, we should expect victory. But that victory may cost us more than we are willing to pay.

Winning a potential war with our military in the condition it is in today could cost us the lives of many of our servicemen and women. What it all comes down to is: we are not properly prepared to easily win a war.

We are not prepared on many fronts. We are not prepared because we are unable to recruit sufficient numbers of qualified men and women to serve. We are not prepared because good, well trained men and women currently serving are overworked, under paid and getting out. We are not prepared because the Defense Department budget has been cut every year for the past 14 years.

Most of the key components of our military have deteriorated to the point of danger. Recruitment, retention, funding, morale and readiness are down.

The only thing that is not down is the number of deployments our troops are sent on. Those have actually increased.

This puts us in an increasingly dangerous position. The main function of our military is to fight a war. But with all the peacekeeping deployments we send our troops on, they are simply too busy these days to properly train for combat.

We have become our own worst enemy. We are not allowing our military to do what it is designed to do. Readiness to fight a war is the most important component in maintaining any military.

We have readiness problems that go beyond our over-deployment. We simply don't have the manpower we need. To make matters worse, the Defense Department does not have the money it needs to fix aging equipment.

We cannot continue to let our military deteriorate. We need to increase the defense budget and give our armed forces the tools they need to do their jobs.

Recruitment, retention, funding, training and morale are all married to readiness. If one of these components is weak, our readiness is compromised.

We cannot wait any longer. We have to address these problems immediately.

We cannot risk the lives of our servicemen and women. We must provide them the tools to do what the military is designed to do -- train, fight and win wars.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

Another longtime stalwart of the community has gone to his eternal home with God in heaven. Agapito Saenz is no longer with us on this earth.

Agapito retired several years ago after working many years with the Highway Department.

He has always been a caring and concerned citizen. For years he collected magazines to take to V.A. hospitals.

He was always a good neighbor. He served for several years on the City Council.

He was faithful and supportive of his church. He with others organized the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus where he served faithfully as an officer.

He was among those who established the local branch of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was fiercely patriotic having served his country well in the military service.

Agapito was the father of a fine family of outstanding children. He was an exceptional husband.

He was friendly and always concerned about his community and others. To know him was to respect him and like him.

He will be sorely missed by his family and his great host of friends. Surely, Agapito Saenz was an Unsung Hero.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Wednesday, July 8
 1:00 p.m., The Edwards County Sheriff's Department reported an abandoned vehicle on F.M. 377, south of Rocksprings. The vehicle was registered to a Brackettville man. When contacted, the man said he had sold the vehicle. The new owner, who lives in Uvalde, was later contacted.

6:30 p.m., An anonymous 911 caller said her 3-month-old baby was turning purple. She said she was driving to Del Rio and wanted an ambulance to meet her. Kinney County EMS officials were dispatched to the scene and Val Verde Regional Medical Center was notified of the situation.

Friday, July 10
 12:10 a.m., Reyes Barrow Alvarado, 41, of Eagle Pass was arrested by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie and charged with driving while intoxicated, first offense, and no driver's license. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Alvarado was released on July 13 on a \$1,500 bail bond.

1:35 a.m., Luis Angel Pacheco, 20, of Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Wylie and charged with no driver's license. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. He was released the next day for time served and sentenced to two days of community service.

2:10 a.m., A Brackettville woman requested assistance at her residence on W. James because of a domestic dispute. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene. The woman said that she did not want to file charges against her husband, but did want him to stay away from her and her daughter.

2:30 a.m., Manuel Herrera Talamantes, 29, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Guidry for public intoxication. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

9:56 p.m., Officials from the Uvalde Police Department requested assistance in a high-speed chase. A Uvalde County sheriff's deputy was chasing a red Bronco west on Highway 90. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene. The vehicle was stopped just west of the Kinney County line. The driver of the vehicle was taken into custody and transported to Uvalde.

10:21 p.m., Assistance was requested at a residence on W. James Street. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He met with a woman who said she believed her brother-in-law had come into her house with out permission to get some beer.

11:01 p.m., A Brackettville man called 911 and requested assistance at a residence on Beaumont Street because his brother was going to start a fight. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He reported that the situation had been taken care of.

Saturday, July 11

8:40 a.m., A Kinney County man reported that a trailer had been broken into. Deputy Guidry and Reserve Deputy Ron Ring were dispatched to the scene. Officials reported that someone had taken a board and pried the burglar bar off the west side window next to the back door. The owner of the trailer contacted the Sheriff's Department later in the day and said he would not be in town to see if anything was missing. Deputy Guidry said he would repair the damaged window. The case is still under investigation.

11:50 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs man reported that his neighbors on Chandler Street had put a lock on his personal gate. Deputy Guidry met with the man and referred him to Judge Ford. The neighbors were out of town, but left a key to the lock with Fort Clark Springs officials. The lock was removed.

9:36 p.m., An employee at Pico's reported loitering. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. The problem was taken care of before he arrived.

Sunday, July 12

7:45 p.m., A Uvalde man said that he believed someone had broken into his property on E. Veltman Street. He said nothing was missing and there was no damage. The man said that he had the electricity turned off several weeks ago, but the meter is hooked up illegally. He did not request an investigation.

11:40 p.m., Jose Bernal, 46, of Roswell, N.M., was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar and charged with driving while intoxicated, first offense, and no driver's license. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Bernal was released the next day on a \$1,500 bail bond, in addition to paying a \$90 fine.

Monday, July 13

1:25 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that someone was trying to break into her residence on Fourth Street. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He reported that everything was under control.

2:51 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported two stranded motorists on Highway 90, 10 miles east of Brackettville.

10:37 p.m., A Brackettville man requested assistance at his residence on N. Sweeney Street. The man said that his wife was drunk and he did not want her near their baby. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He reported that the matter was taken care of.

10:43 p.m., A Brackettville woman said there was a drunk man disturbing her at her residence on Second Street. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He reported that the matter was taken care of.

Trustees award bid for academic wing

The Brackett School Board of Trustees approved Greco Construction's base bid of \$1,090,000 for the district's new academic wing at Monday's regular meeting.

The school district received bids from five San Antonio construction companies for the construction of the high school addition, all of which were above the estimated cost of the project.

The estimated cost of the project was between \$800,000 and \$1 million, while the proposals ranged from \$1,090,000 to \$1,238,000.

Included in Greco Construction's base bid was \$22,000 for individual thermostats in each of the classrooms. Those funds will be put into a betterment fund.

"The purpose of the betterment fund is to provide a way of paying for unforeseen costs that might occur during the building process, Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

Alternative proposals not included in the base bid were \$85,000 for science lab equipment, \$17,000 for storage closets, and \$12,500 for a parking lot.

"We are working on cost-cutting ideas. We have submitted two grant proposals and we're working on a third one. We are negotiating to see if there are things that we can do to this project to bring it within the projected expense."

Superintendent Taylor Stephenson

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The proposal included 240 calendar days for construction, which would begin the day the contract is signed.

Community Calendar

Thursday, July 16
 12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

6:30 p.m., The Lions Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

Saturday, July 18
 10:00 a.m., The Fort Club Springs Board of Directors meets in the Board Room on Fort Clark Springs.

Thursday, July 23
 12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

Monday, July 27
 6:00 p.m., The Fort Club Springs VFW meets at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, July 28
 6:30 p.m., The Fort Clark Shrine Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

Thursday, July 30
 12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

Sunday, August 2
 12:00 p.m., The Knights of Columbus meet at Parish Hall.

Monday, August 3
 1:00 p.m., The Fort Club Art Club meets at the Art Studio on Fort Clark Springs.

5:00 p.m., The Old Quarry Society meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Thursday, August 6
 12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

6:30 p.m., The Lions Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

Saturday, August 8
 10:00 a.m., The Fort Club Springs Community Council

meets in Shafter Hall on Fort Clark Springs.

Monday, August 10
 9:00 a.m., The Kinney County Commissioners Court meets at the Court House on Ann Street.

6:30 p.m., The Brackett School Board of Trustees meet at the district's Administration Building on Ann Street.

Tuesday, August 11
 6:00 p.m., The Brackettville City Council meets at the City Annex on Highway 90 West.

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

Thursday, August 13
 12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

6:30 p.m., The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.



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But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



King of the cowboys

It saddens me when someone like Roy Rogers dies. He was an outstanding individual.

He was a fine role model for young and old alike. He lived his life just like his movies; always the good guy and an example for the rest of us to follow. He gave us a standard to live by. He wore his white hat until the day he died.

We never heard vicious rumors about him. Even though he worked in the spotlight and lived in a place known for disreputable conduct. Drugs and affairs with other women simply weren't his style.

Even to those who were not "shoot-em-up" fans, he will be remembered for many years to come.

To those of us who grew up with toy six-guns blazing, who rode stick horses painted "Trigger" gold, who foiled the dastardly deeds of many desperados, and who rescued thousands of damsels in distress, he will never die. He simply rode off into another glorious sunset.

His sidekicks wish him well. He will always be our hero. But, I could be wrong.

DAR sponsors workshop

The Hill Country Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Council will sponsor a genealogy workshop Saturday at Butt Holdsworth Memorial Library in Kerrville.

The workshop, which is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be open to the public.

Ella E. Lee Sheffield, a well known genealogist and editor from Smithville, will conduct the workshop. She will be speaking on "A Look at Records Dating 1890 and Later" and "Do I have everything I Need to Join the DAR?"

The second half of her talk is entitled "Revolutionary Time Period for Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio." This will also include information on revolutionary service in Virginia and North Carolina.

Sheffield participated in planning the Houston Genealogy Institute for three years and completed the courses presented,

namely, "New Frontiers in Genealogy," "Exploring American Genealogy," and "American Trails." She has also completed the National Genealogical Society's genealogy course.

Sheffield has attended several National Genealogical Society Conferences, including those held in Biloxi, Miss., Washington D.C., and Houston.

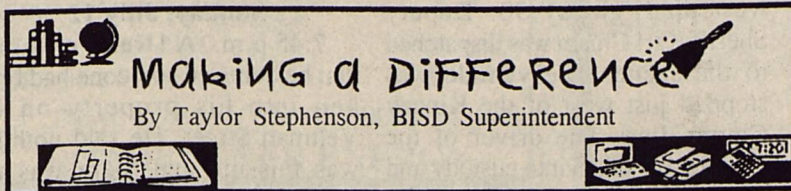
Sheffield was the Texas Gulf Coast office manager for Southern Historical Press for over 10 years.

At the conclusion of the lecture there will be a question and answer period.

There will be a \$3 fee for morning or afternoon session, or a \$5 fee for all day, payable at the door.

Those desiring information on compiling a family history will get much information from this lecture, according to officials. Prospective DAR membership is not necessarily the goal.

Parents should stress to teens the responsibilities of driving



For those teens that read this column, I'm not a good driver. I always have many other things on my mind than what I am doing. I must focus on driving myself.

I do think that generally the teenagers drive better than folks my age do. They are just in a hurry. Slow down. Drive safely.

School Board
We had a good School Board meeting Monday night. Student and employee handbooks were approved. These are major items of study for the administration and school board.

The board employed three new teachers. We're still working trying to complete our staff for 1998-99.

The building of the BHS academic wing will become a reality. Construction should begin within the next month.

Our tennis courts are being laid out as I write this article. That's right, by publication time all of the courts should be in place.

The concrete will have to cure out for 30 days and we can paint the courts and install fences and nets. We have just hit water with our new well behind the school. We'll use this well to water our playground.

2B Summer Youth
A compliment should go out to our 2B Summer Youth. The school system had seven students who worked for six weeks. This is the best bunch of workers that we have ever had.

Thanks parents for sending the kids our way. Thanks to Joy Ralston and her fine support organization for the support. Thanks to the students for a job well done.

Air Force One

One note of excitement you should know about is that Air Force One was on the ground in Atlanta when my wife and I were at Atlanta Airport. Our heart filled with pride as we saw the United States of America in bold blue letters on the plane. I'm proud to be an American.

The next school year should be our best yet. I'm proud of our new facilities and of the progress that our district has made in the past couple of years. We're a leader in technology. We have great kids and fine teachers. The educational program is outstanding.

I hope that your life is going well. I know that worry and stress can consume folks. Good health and a fine family are two of the blessings that most of us have. We can choose to be positive or choose to be negative.

I hope that summer has allowed you to find the good in life. If not, maybe a short vacation would be helpful before the grind of the new school year.

Have a great week!

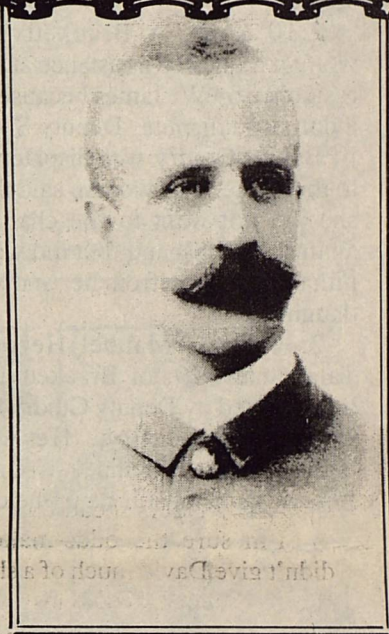
Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he graduated 12th from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lt. 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.

At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries, which he faithfully maintained for the next 30 years.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French

Courtesy of his descendants



terday. Geary came up to sit a while after tattoo and offered to sell his interest in that San Antonio land for what he paid for it. He authorized me to offer this to Capt. Vance who seemed anxious to buy this land once. Took a bath and retired. The trip has been splendid for me. Have ate and slept well and enjoyed the whole time. Was sorry to come in.

Sunday, July 18, 1886
Got up before reveille and shaved off the beard that has accumulated during the trip. Attended inspection as usual after breakfast. Mail had nothing for me this morning. Received order through the office detailing me as a member of a general court, and three cases for the garrison court to try. Wrote on letter home before lunch and had a pleasant call from Capt. Leeffe. Completed letter after lunch and also wrote to Capt. Vance telling him of Geary's offer. After dinner examined prisoners for trial tomorrow and notified members of court. Sat a while with Mrs. Lyster. Then put on citizen clothes and went to chapel, escorting Mrs. Hall home. Went over to Gen. Smith's afterwards and sat there some time. Mrs. Merrill and Mrs. Hall came there. Escorted them home and sat with Mrs. Hall a short time.

Monday, July 19, 1886
Succeeded in qualifying two more marksmen and in getting several other legs at 300 yds. and then took charge of the 1000 yds. firing while Col. Lyster went in for breakfast. Mail brought a letter from home which shows that the commissioner to take the testimony in Father's case has set next Friday for the hearing. Hope & pray that the factory will win. Went to the guard house after breakfast and then at 10 o'clock met on the general court, but had a short session on account of absence of witnesses. Tried three men before the garrison court immediately afterwards. After lunch wrote up proceedings of trials and took a cool bath. In the evening went over with Geary to call on the Leeffes but found only the little girls at home. Stayed there a while and then called on Mrs. Hammond. After tattoo went down to the store with Geary. Wrote a letter today to the Mallory agent to engage the stateroom.

Tuesday, July 20, 1886
Did not have much success at 600 & 500 yds. this morning scoring only one leg. Afterwards went over to 1000 yd. range but did not have to wait there long. After breakfast went down to the

Q.M.'s to have some blank forms for court martial proceedings printed. Then to the guard house & hospital for prisoners and then to the Library where tried four men before the garrison court. Mail brought a letter from Father about his suit and one from the Auditor with a statement of differences. He shows a stoppage of about \$80 for extra duty pay to men in the C.S. Dept. at Brown. This is contrary to custom and will cause a great deal of hardship throughout the Army. Wrote an O.B. to the Commissary Sergt. at Brown to straighten it out if possible and asking him to send me copies of the orders detailing the men as I intend to make the officer pay who ordered the men on extra duty. Wrote up proceedings after lunch and wrote to Mr. Crate for bill of suit and to Forsyth to hurry up those papers. In the evening watched a game of croquet between Maj. Morris & Miss Jacobs and Mrs. Williams and Mabel Boyd, latter winning. Then went down to the store with Mrs. Feche't. Ms. Kauffman and Mrs. Hammond where the latter treated to lemonade and I to candy. Sat a while with Mrs. Hammond afterwards and then escorted Mrs. Kauffman home. Hall met up coming from the store & escorted Mrs. Feche'e home. Felt very much ashamed of him. Mr. Garrett was in a while today but went back with Capt. Feche't before I could see him. He is to return tomorrow. Read "Silas Lapham" & dozed after tattoo.

Wednesday, July 21, 1886
There were no men to fire at the short range this morning so did not go out to this firing but went out on the 1000 yd. range later on. Mail brought nothing for me but a letter from the Mallory Line agent notifying me that a stateroom was reserved for me on the Lampasas sailing Aug. 4. Gillmore came in from New Mexico on his way to San Antonio and West from Duncan to testify before the general court. The former looks as if he had been dissipating. Wrote usual letter home after lunch. Had a good shower that cooled the air but was preceded by a great deal of dust. Gillmore was celebrating his appointment this morning and came to my quarters this afternoon to get a nap so as to sober off a little. After dinner went over to town with Dr. Schwartzkopf to a place where he was married by the County Judge, to a lady who has just come over from Germany. Hammond and the postmaster

were also present. After the ceremony Hammond took me out for a pleasant ride. Then put on civilian clothes and went over to Gen. Smith's to escort Mabel Boyd to the hop room near which the band played. She was not at home. Met her outside the gate but she declined to go to the hall. I suppose she does not go out on account of her father's death. After going for Mrs. Lyster went over to the hall. Danced several times with the children although it was a very warm job. Escorted Mrs. Hall home and then went down to the store with Mrs. Hammond, Ives & Hammond where drank two glasses of beer.

Thursday, July 22, 1886
Finished one man at 500 yds. this morning but could do nothing at 600. Went to 1000 yd. range but did not stay long. Met on the general court at the hall and completed the trial of a prisoner for desertion. While at the court room received a note from Cunningham asking about a pair of slippers belonging to his wife. Like an idiot I hid them last night at the concert and forgot to show where they were. Sent them over to Cunningham and apologized to him afterwards. Mr. Garrett came up to see me before the court met and looked at the plates of the views he made which have been developed by a soldier. He left them for me to have printed which means more money out of my pocket, a fine state of affairs just before my leave. Mail brought the bill for my suit. After lunch spent a short time with West, Guard and Ives at Black's and then went down to the store, got a check on San Antonio for \$40 and sent it to Mr. Crate to pay Young & Arnold for suit. Wrote up diary and read until dinner time. In the evening called on Mrs. Cunningham to apologize for hiding her shoes last evening. Could see that she was much provoked although she tried to be quite pleasant. Called on Mrs. Williams and later sat with Mrs. Hall where was annoyed by the constant talking of the Chaplain on the next porch; he gave nobody else a chance to say a word.

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Friday, July 16, 1886
Went out for usual ride early this morning and enjoyed it thoroughly. Could not fish. After breakfast climbed up to top of bluff in rear of the house from which place had a splendid view of surrounding country. Mr. Garrett got out his camera and made several views around the place, taking two groups of us in front of the tents. It was very kind in him to make these mementos of the trip. Played cards until lunch and a while afterwards and then dozed. read "Silas Lapham" and talked. Took usual delightful boat ride with Mamie and Mabel. The moon was full tonight and made a beautiful effect on the water. Then all went to the Garretts and had bread & butter, coffee and cake, refreshments that were very much enjoyed. Sat there singing and talking until quite late. The month is half gone and soon it will be time for me to start.

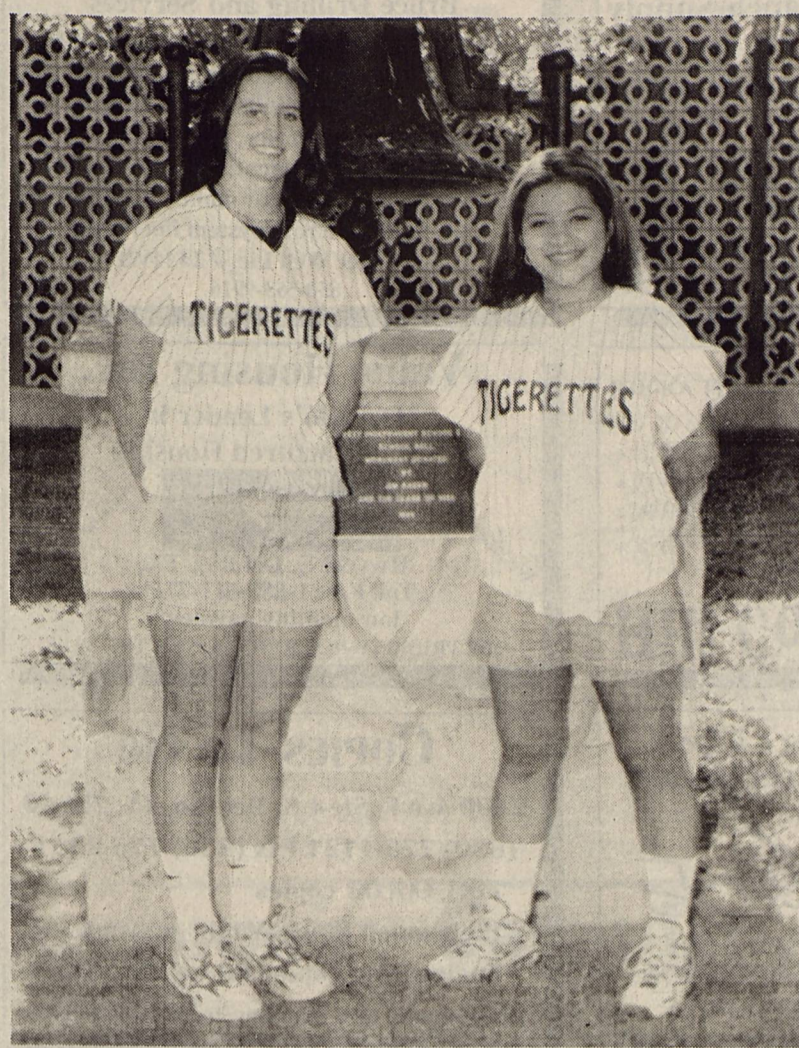
Saturday, July 17, 1886
For the last time got up early and had my usual enjoyable boat ride. After breakfast Mr. Garrett went with Mabel, Mamie and myself out on the lake and made two views of the lake and boat. Sat around chatting until noon. After lunch packed up and prepared to start back to the post. Had dinner early and at four o'clock bade good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Garrett with a great deal of regret. They have been very kind and hospitable and seem to feel sorry that we had to return. If the forage for the animals had not given out we would have remained until tomorrow. The ride back was made more quickly than going out. About 5 miles out we met Gen. and Mrs. Smith in their carriage. Rode over to their house to unload the ambulance and then returned to quarters, found Ives going to the store with some ladies and learned that my mail was in his desk. Found a letter & bundle of papers from home, letters from Capt. Vance and from Mallory line agent about stateroom. Capt. Vance was unable to lend me the \$500 to pay Hewitt but thinks he will have it in the Fall. At tattoo met Guard, Geary & Leeffe. "K" Co. came up yes-

Terrazas, Brotherton earn all-state Briefs ...

Brackett's Stephanie Terrazas and Lindsey Brotherton have been named to the Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 2A All-State softball team.

Terrazas, a second baseman, was a first team selection and Brotherton, a first baseman, made the third team. Both were juniors this past season.

"Being represented on the all-state team I think says a lot for the program," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "We've been playing softball for five years now and this is the fourth and the fifth all-state selections that we've had."



Brackett's Lindsey Brotherton (left) and Stephanie Terrazas have been named to the Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 2A All-State softball team. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Tigerettes' volleyball camp begins Monday

The Tigerettes' volleyball camp for girls entering the sixth through ninth grades this fall is set for next week.

The camp will be from Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon each day and costs \$25, which includes a T-shirt.

Campers will learn passing, setting, serving and spiking techniques, offense and defense, and how to have fun playing volleyball.

Athletes can register for the camp when it begins on Monday morning.

For more information, call Dusty Brotherton at (830) 563-3303.

Dyers win scramble

Roy and Fern Dyer took first place in a two-person scramble last Thursday in Couples League action at the Fort Clark Springs golf course.

The Dyers were the winners in the A Flight, while Dwite and Luella Gilliland took top honors in the B Flight.

In a four-person scramble, Pat and Clemmy McKelvy, Charlie Smith and Mary Stephenson won the A Flight with a score of 56. The B flight was won by Lou and Carl Green, Clara McCord and James Stafford with a score of 63.

In Ladies Golf League action on Tuesday, Stephenson claimed first place honors in a game of Nassau. She finished with a gross score of 82 and a net score of 66.

Players earn honors

Three players from District 30-2A were named to the Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 2A All-State baseball team.

Comfort's Kurt Wiedenfeld and Chris Martinez and Natalia's George Monreal earned honors.

Wiedenfeld, a pitcher, made the second team. Martinez, a first baseman, and Monreal, an outfielder, were selected to the third team.

TSWA All-State softball

The Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 2A All-State softball team:

First Team: Britney Coker, Blooming Grove, pitcher, senior; Tara Sterling, Coahoma, pitcher, senior; Stephanie Mohon, Aubrey, pitcher, senior; Laura Ellis, Blooming Grove, catcher, senior; Shana Earnest, Coahoma, first base, senior; Stephanie Terrazas, Brackett, second base, junior; Laura Barham, Blooming Grove, third base, senior; Amber Sladeczek, Jarrell, short stop, senior; Heather Clark, Como-Pickton, outfield, junior; Janae Robinson, Grand Saline, outfield, junior; Kori Patterson, Blooming Grove, outfield, sophomore; Carrie Richards, Petrolia, designated player, senior.

Second Team: Kristy Lide, Grand Saline, pitcher, senior; Courtney Coker, Blooming Grove, pitcher, senior; Kourtney Westerfeld, Crawford, pitcher, junior; Ashley Boedeker, Shiner, catcher, senior; Ashley Tarrant, Como-Pickton, first base, freshman; Heather Monk, Grand Saline, second base, senior; Kristen Rekieta, Bremond, third base, junior; Teresa Lesley, DeLeon, short stop, sophomore; Mindy Brown, Godley, short stop, senior; Michelle Bulanek, Danbury, outfield, junior; Amber Dunahoo, Dawson, outfield, freshman; Helen Barry, Riviera-Kaufers, outfield, junior; Michelle Wrinkle, Pettus, designated player, sophomore.

Third Team: Leslie Anglin, Godley, pitcher, junior; Tinsley Olson, Hubbard, pitcher, freshman; Heather Old, Rayburn, pitcher, junior; Angie Kieke, Burton, catcher, senior; Rachel Lewis, Lexington, catcher, senior; Lindsey Brotherton, Brackett, first base, junior; Kristen Rector, Holland, first base, senior; Lexi Langley, Elysian Fields, second base, sophomore; Jana Puentes, Spurger, third base, senior; Amanda Smith, Blooming Grove, short stop, junior; Melanie Noyola, Riviera-Kaufers, outfield, senior; Brandie Hart, Coahoma, outfield, freshman; Cassie Tindol, Coahoma, outfield, junior; Jelena Pantel, Riviera-Kaufers, designated player, junior.

Pre-season prediction doesn't bother Yeager

By J.J. Guidry Sports Editor

The fact that Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine picked the Tigers to finish last in the District 30-2A race doesn't bother Brackett Athletic Director David Yeager.

"I found out several years ago it's not where you're picked, it's where you finish," said Yeager, who is in his first season as the Tigers' head football coach.

"I'm sure the odds-makers in Vegas didn't give David much of a shot at Goliath. We're a bunch of Davids facing a bunch

of Goliaths. I like our odds.

"Being picked last doesn't mean anything, it just gives us something to shoot for and something to prove," Yeager added.

Texas Football picked the Comfort Bobcats to win this year's conference race. Dilley was predicted to finish second, followed by Jourdanton, Center Point, Natalia and Brackett.

The Bobcats return six offensive and six defensive starters from last year's team that finished with a 7-3 mark. Comfort boasts a strong running game with fullback Dereck Syfert, who rushed for 1,541 yards last

season, and running back Jim Allerkamp, who had 960 yards on the ground a year ago.

Dilley is coming off a 6-4 campaign. The Wolves return seven starts on offense and defense, including Fabian Santos, a 5-foot-, 210-pound running back and defensive end who runs a 4.7 in the 40-yard dash.

Jourdanton joins the district after moving down from Class 3A after finishing 5-5 last year. Center Point was 4-6 last season while Natalia finished the year with a 12-8 mark.

Brackett returns eight offensive and

eight defensive starters from last year's 2-8 ball club, including senior running backs Wes Baker and Brent Smith.

Baker rushed 689 yards last season. Smith, a linebacker, led the Tigers' defense with 135 tackles and Baker, a lineman, had 122.

Brackett will begin two-a-day workouts on Aug. 5.

"I'm excited about getting the season started," Yeager said. "I'm excited about getting the kids up here. A lot of these kids have been working hard all summer. We're ready to strap on the pads and get after it."

Athletic physicals to be given July 29

Athletic physicals will be given to Brackett middle school and high school students July 29 at the United Medical Centers' clinic, Athletic Director David Yeager announced.

Girls' physicals will be given from 9 a.m. to noon and boys' physicals will be from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Physical and acknowledgment of rules forms will be sent to students this week. The students must bring the signed forms to the physicals.

For a student who does not receive the physical and acknowledgment of rules forms in the mail, copies will be available at the Field House or at Central Office.

Brackett's district policy requires students to complete a physical before participating in any sports.

Brackett's district policy requires students in the seventh through 12th grades to have a completed physical before participating in any extracurricular sports.

Yeager said the physicals given on July 29 will be free to all students who attend. However, he added that students will have to pay for a physical if they take it at another time.

OUTDOORS

Wild animals are best left alone

Last week I wrote something about leaving wildlife alone, especially if it appears sick or injured. This week, I would like to continue with that line of thought.

There are many well-intentioned people who want to help out wildlife by picking up a fawn, believing it to be orphaned, taking in small birds or maybe a young racoon or rabbit that they found in or near their yard.

As I mentioned last week, human intervention almost always does more harm than good. In some cases the harm can go both ways.

There are several reasons for not taking in a wild animal or approaching one that appears sick or injured. First of all, it is illegal to possess certain wild animals. Second, wild animals in general carry many kinds of parasites, such as fleas and ticks, and diseases, such as anthrax, distemper, and rabies. The fleas and ticks themselves can transfer diseases to humans.

Many people, myself included, enjoy watching the many species of wildlife that we have in Kinney County, some that will venture into or even live in our own back yards.

Most of us are fascinated at being able to be so close to these animals. Yet there are people that have problems with some animals

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

being too close, that are taking up residence with them.

Many people have problems with racoons, possums, skunks, and other critters around their homes as these animals search for food and a place to raise their young. They get into trash cans or take up residence under the house.

There are a few things that can be done to lessen your chances of an encounter with these animals.

First of all, don't throw food scraps out the back door. Don't leave dog or cat food in dishes in the yard overnight. Buy garbage cans with locking lids or use a bungee cord or strap to hold the lid on the can. Store dog and cat food in the same kinds of containers, preferably in the garage or store room.

Wildlife can smell these food odors and will be attracted to your house for supper. In some cases, they will do damage to doors or screens to get to it.

Also close up holes under fences, houses, and outside storage areas to prevent these animals

from setting up housekeeping. Try using mothballs in certain areas to discourage these animals from coming around. Of course, don't use mothballs in the yard if small children play there.

Despite all of this, you will still see or have these animals near your home. They have lived in these wooded areas long before we came along and it is impossible to catch and remove them all.

Also keep your pets in your yard away from wild animals. Don't allow your cats and dogs to roam freely around the neighborhood. They can come in contact, or even fight, with a sick animal and bring many diseases right into your home, if they even come back home.

Remember to have all of your pets vaccinated against rabies every year. The cost of the shots is small compared to the cost and pain of being treated for exposure to rabies.

By remembering and following these few tips, we can better live with and enjoy the wildlife that is so abundant here.

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NO, WE CAN'T GET BACK TOGETHER! I'M WITH SOMEONE ELSE NOW SO PLEASE STOP CALLING ME!
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Super Crossword

ACROSS	holding	ment	128 Fortuneteller	monkey	75 Track event
1 Filing markers	48 Old English bard	90 Puppeteer Tony	129 Breakfast order	36 German coffeecake	76 Established method
5 Supports for corsets	50 Allen or Lawrence	91 Handle	DOWN	38 Aware of	77 Impaired by use
10 Court promises	51 Granny, for one	92 Long-time pride of the Pirates	1 Bark cloth	39 Glacial ridge	78 Boogie or senior
15 Word with street or gap	52 Realtor's sign	94 Remarks from a scrooge	2 Seed coat	40 One receiving the gifts	79 German city
19 La Scala	53 Eye or ladder companion	96 Stupid monkey	3 A threat to the pigs?	41 Word with box or marsh	80 Plus high
20 Part of USNA	55 — and terminator	97 Adjust to fit	4 Cobine	42 Stereo group	83 Praps for this bout
21 Parade feature	58 Slippery swimmer	98 Six-line poem	5 They may be charmed	44 Court queen	85 Praise
22 High flier	57 Frisky pet	100 Respond to stimuli	6 Hoglike animal	45 Press	88 Hwad, in Dijon
23 Something bought slight unseen	59 Goddess of the moon	102 Wide prairie	7 The Bard's river	47 Lobster, chimney and flower	91 Jil —
25 Financially irresponsible	61 Make a blunder	103 Hemmed sheets	8 Talkative wild ox?	49 Wordsworth opus	93 Tio the knot again
27 White linen vestment	62 Clarifies	105 Word with lion or shival	9 More glossy;	52 Afternoon naps	95 Strong, glossy fabric
28 Related	64 TV bird?	106 Poat's	10 Disillusions	54 Shrewd or clever	96 Festures
29 Before, as a pallidrome	66 Lack of pretensions	107 Bat wood	11 Catty or catch follower	57 End the gin game	97 Communion table
31 Underground missile storehouse	68 Trig. function	109 Baseball?	12 Attic treasures?	58 Wheel hubs	99 Mario Lanza, et al.
32 Dawn goddess	69 Large cask	111 Charged atom	13 Nun's gart, once	59 Style of sleeve	101 Corp.'s top banana
33 Calculating spake?	71 Remnants of a former time	112 Chapter of the Koran	14 Needlelike marker	60 Checks the copy	102 Small package
35 Weed or cabbage	75 Patron saint of France	113 Sailor	15 Type of pole or pants	63 Here, in Paris	104 Wooden pin
37 Teaching assistant	77 The — of Eastwick	116 Expert steady pressure	16 Sompro-cious ston us	65 Johnson or Cliburn	106 Antiquated
39 Albert and Bracken	81 Once called Clay	119 A string game	17 Roman emperor	67 Shopping list ending?	107 Burrows and Vigoda
41 Accelerate	82 State admitted in 1861	122 Singer (ella)	18 Stop in reverse?	7 Pipe or dish holders	108 Splinter group
43 Knows intuitively	84 Prize possessions in WWII	123 Growing out	24 Consume advocate	72 "Dallas" matriarch	110 Small dagger
46 Johnny Appleseed, for one	86 GI's friend	125 Like most college: reverse order?	26 Written o. stona?	73 Leo's portion?	112 Impromptu attempt
47 Poker	87 Coagulate	127 Winter weather forecast	30 Regret	74 One of England's nob's?	114 Man in a loge?
	88 Gifts of appease-		34 It's seldom adhered to		115 Garden plots
			35 Crab or		117 Sailor's drink
					118 Verb or prop ending
					120 Cuckoo
					121 Top combat pilot

MAGIC MAZE

THE GAME OF CHESS

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

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

Bishop	Check	Knight	Queen
Board	Karpov	Moves	Rook
Capture	Kasparov	Pawns	Squares
Castling	King	Pieces	

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Beware of what you say this week. People rely on your honesty, but you could make promises that you cannot keep. If you maintain a low profile socially this weekend, all will turn out great.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Don't procrastinate — tend to those chores that are left undone around the home. You'll feel so much better once you have completed everything. By the weekend, you'll be able to relax and enjoy some outdoor activities.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
A deal is a deal, and you're quick to recognize it. The latter part of the week is best spent with friends and family. You learn some valuable lessons from them.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
It isn't the best week for a sit-down chat with a partner — which could lead to a number of misunderstandings. Wait until this person is more receptive. Finances are the major problem here.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
While you feel independent, you are seriously considering a lifelong commitment — either professional or personal in nature. Weigh this important decision carefully. The rest of your life depends on this.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Cantankerous relatives are the bane of your week. Instead of being trapped by bickering and complaining, go about your business. It's best to bite your tongue and swallow your pride.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Avoid signing on the dotted line. Contractual agreements are not favored. Be aware of those who would take advantage of a weak moment you could be having. Trust your instincts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Don't be overly secretive. Confiding in a close pal could be the answer to your pressing problems, so don't be shy. An intriguing financial deal is possible this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
Money could be the subject of a debate with a loved one. However, you seem to know just how to handle the problem. The weekend is calm, and togetherness is accented.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Don't allow minor annoyances to get your week off to a bad start. Avoid squabbles with loved ones who are having personal problems. Children are relying on your strength.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
You and a partner share important responsibilities equally. While you disagree from the get-go, it all falls into place as the week progresses. This weekend is a good time to just relax.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
While you could be in an indecisive mood on the job, it doesn't hamper harmony on the home front later on. A quiet weekend with a partner or family member brings a surprise.

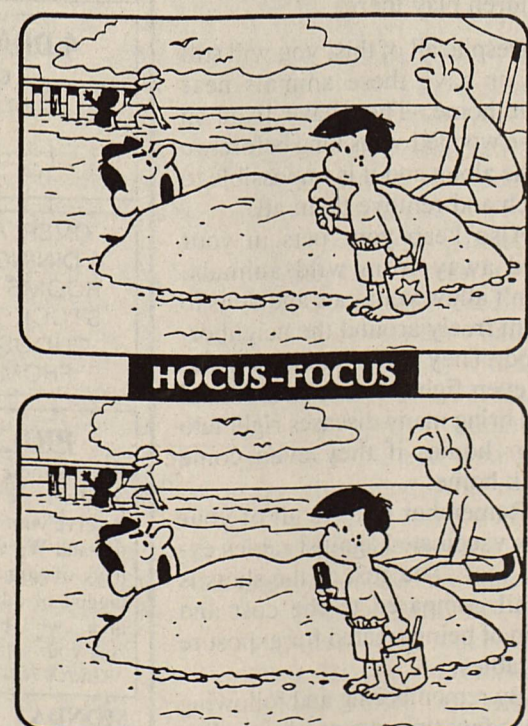
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HOCUS-FOCUS

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Birds are moved. 2. Cloud is smaller. 3. Trunks are different. 4. Feet support is removed. 5. Ice cream is different. 6. Umbrella is missing.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 16 ...Carmen Berlanga	July 19Vella Gum
July 16Hugh Coates	July 20Ruth Dennis
July 16 ..Carmen Hernandez	July 21Daniel Arroyas
July 16Wilma Lewis	July 21Floy Brown
July 17Mike Bowlin	July 21Ada J. Fletcher
July 17Opal Groce	July 21Juanita Garcia
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July 18Louise M. Reese	July 22Jeff Russell
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