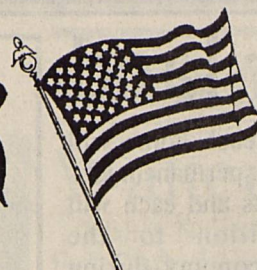


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Briefs ...

Miller resigns as Fort Clark board president

Mona Miller has resigned as president of the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors.

Miller announced her resignation at Saturday's regular Board of Directors meeting.

Fort Clark Springs officials were not available for comment Wednesday.

School Board tries to fill teaching vacancies

Brackett School District officials will try to fill three teaching vacancies at a special School Board meeting Monday night at 6:30.

The district currently has vacancies for a middle school social studies teacher and coach, an elementary school counselor, and an elementary school special education teacher.

"We hope to have some personnel ready to recommend by that point in time," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "We're still interviewing."

Monday's meeting will be followed by a budget workshop, Stephenson said.

"It will just be a closed work session, following the special meeting," Stephenson said. "The School Board will just be exploring numbers and trying to find out what this year's budget is about."

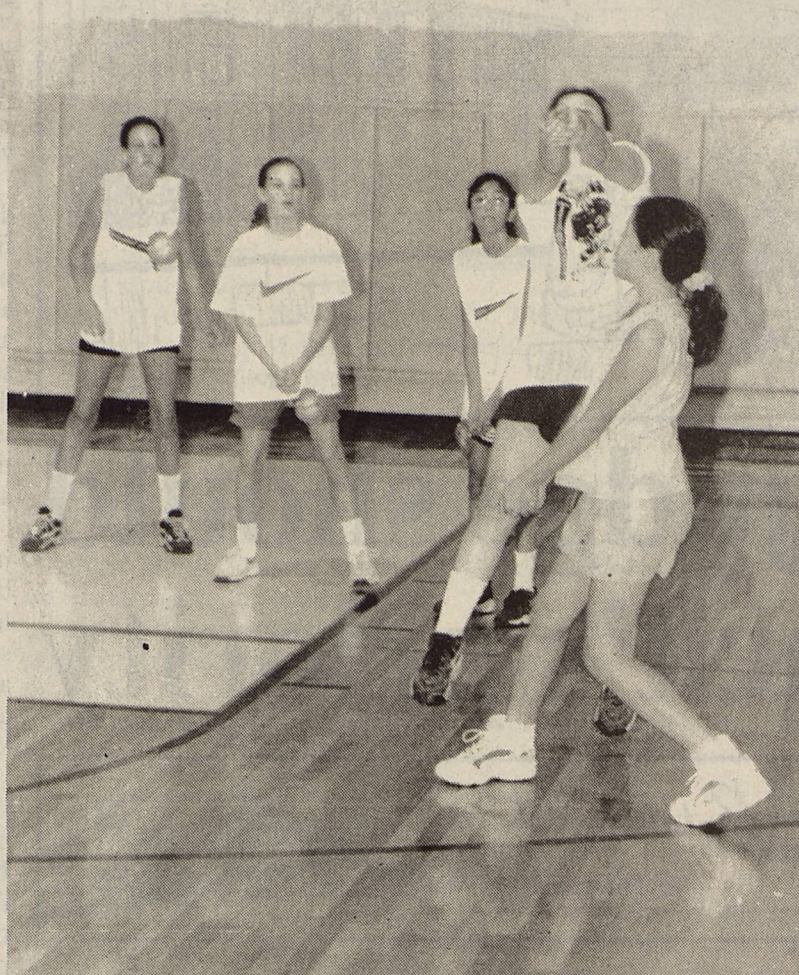
Officials to organize San Antonio-El Paso Road Sesquicentennial

The first organizational meeting of the proposed San Antonio-El Paso Road Sesquicentennial Committee will be held on Monday 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.



Brandi Wilson (second from right) keeps the ball alive during a drill at the Tigerettes volleyball camp as Sheena Meyer (from left), Amanda Davis, Stephanie Coronado and Divina Pena look on. See related story, Page 5. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

City OKs move for Appraisal District

County, school officials to discuss request Monday

The Kinney County Appraisal District moved one step closer to a new building Monday as the Brackettville City Council voted to approve a request to purchase the Kreiger Insurance building.

According to Chief Appraiser Joyce Fuentes, three of the four taxing entities served by the Appraisal District must approve the request before the building can be purchased.

The Brackett and Spofford City Councils have approved the requests. The Kinney County Commissioners Court and the Brackett School Board will discuss the matter at special meetings on Monday.

The Kinney County Appraisal District Board of Directors voted earlier this month 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.

The cost of the Kreiger Insurance building is \$45,000. The Appraisal District is currently paying \$436 a month to rent the 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

"I'm one of the few people in this town that thinks we can bring more business into Brackettville, but it's never going to happen if all the prime commercial property is gone. And that is what's happening."

Councilman J.J. Guidry

economic investment."

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

"If the entities do not purchase this building at this time, with the location and the low interest, I doubt if we would ever be able to get another building with the location, as far as being close to the Courthouse and bank," Fuentes said at Monday's special City Council meeting.

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Council agrees to contract to sell water to Spofford

The Brackettville City Council agreed to the terms of a contract this week to provide water to the City of Spofford. The contract will now be considered by the Spofford City Council.

"The City of Spofford needs water," Brackettville City Attorney Pat Dodson said Monday at a special meeting. "Listening to this council, they want to help to provide water to Spofford."

One of the biggest concerns for both parties was the cost of the water. The City of Brackettville is charging its citizens \$7.35 for the first 3,000 gallons of water and \$1.25 for each additional thousand gallons.

Spofford is currently paying 75 cents per thousand gallons to the Fort Clark Municipal Utility District.

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Students allowed to wear shorts with 5-inch inseam

Students wearing shorts at Brackett High school this year will have to make sure the shorts have inseams at least 5 inches long.

That provision was added to the school district's discipline plan in the student handbook, which was approved at last week's regular meeting.

The new wording is more descriptive than the previous policy, which allowed walking shorts.

"I think we clarified the length of shorts," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "I always wondered what walking shorts were and what short shorts were, and the definition changes with style."

"Our administrators won't be measuring the shorts. If there's doubt, we would ask the student to do the measurement. If the stu-

dent refuses, we would just send them home to change because there would be some doubt in their minds.

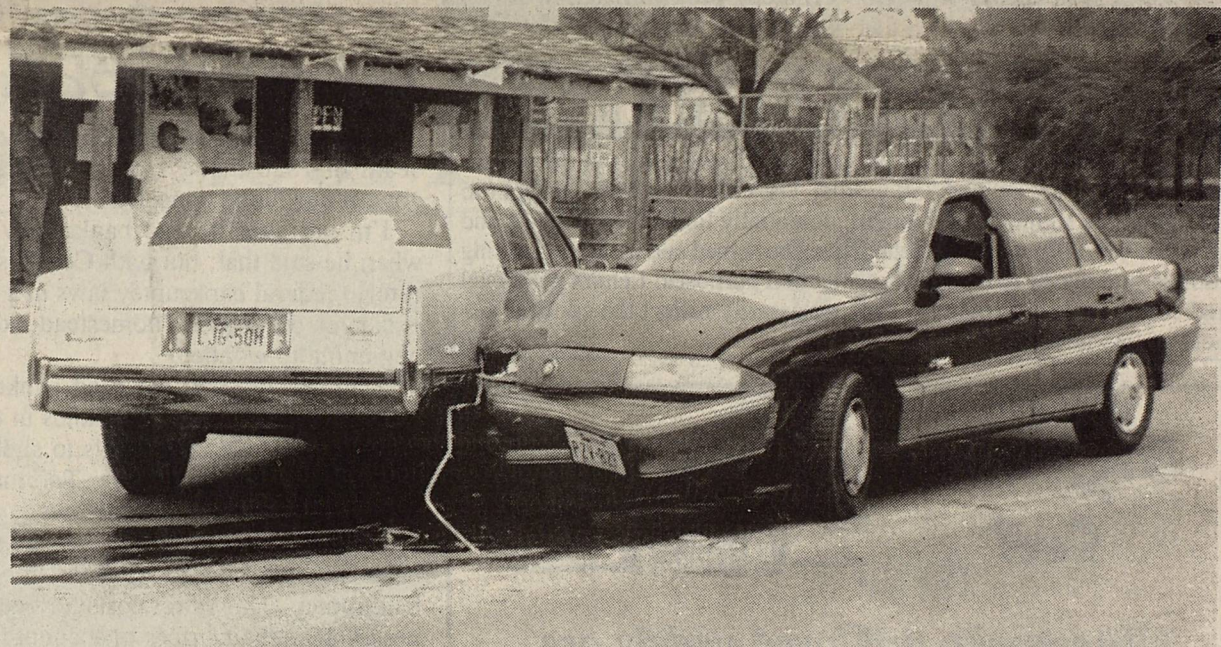
"We will have more leeway for the little ones at Jones Elementary," he said. "We ask parents not to send their kids to school in short shorts."

The new discipline code also bans gum chewing in school district facilities.

"For years, gum chewing has been a problem on carpets and it has been a problem on sidewalks," Stephenson said. You can't walk from the high school to the annex without dodging 25 or 30 pieces of gum."

Stephenson said the student handbook also addresses changes

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A two-vehicle accident sent a Brackettville man to the hospital this week. A 1992 Cadillac, driven by Shirley Stephenson of Fort Clark Springs, was travelling north-bound on Ann Street. As the vehicle turned into Conrad's Trading Post, it was hit by a 1995 Buick, driven by Jesusita Lopez of Brackettville. The accident occurred 200 feet south of the Edwards intersection at 1:35 Monday afternoon. Armando Hernandez, a passenger in the Buick, complained of neck injuries. Kinney County EMS personnel transported Hernandez to Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio. He was held for observation and released later that day. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Bonilla announces financial relief for Texas farmers



Rep. Henry Bonilla, left, speaks with House Ag Committee Chairman Bob Smith moments before announcing the Emergency Farm Financial Relief Act Friday. Photo Special to The Brackett News

WASHINGTON -- Congressman Henry Bonilla, R-Texas, along with House Speaker Newt Gingrich and House Agriculture Committee Chairman Bob Smith, introduced emergency legislation to help farmers suffering from record drought conditions in Texas and other states on Friday.

The legislation makes \$5.5 billion available to farmers as much as one year early. It gives farmers the option of receiving all of their Agricultural Market Transition Act (AMTA) contract payments for fiscal year 1999 in October. Without this bill, farmers would be forced to wait for the much needed money until December or January, the normal payment time.

"The problems farmers face are two-fold," Bonilla said. "The drought in Texas is leaving farmers with dried out crops that won't sell, and low commodity prices are driving down the value of those crops that can be sold."

"Farmers in Texas and across the country are struggling to survive. This will make a big difference for some farmers on the brink of bankruptcy."

"We need to continue to insure that U.S. farmers are on a level playing field in the international market," he said. "Large foreign crops, low commodity prices and the drought have really put the squeeze on Texas producers."

Bonilla also urged President Clinton to fulfill his promise to farmers that his administration would use the Export Enhancement Program (EEP) to its maximum to secure foreign markets for U.S. agricultural products. The 1996 Farm Bill made over \$1.5 billion available for EEP in 1996-1999, but to date the administration has used virtually nothing.

"This emergency farm legislation is an important starting point," said Bonilla, who serves on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture. "We must also focus on providing relief as soon as possible to ranchers suffering from the extreme drought conditions. I will be working overtime to make sure Texas ranchers are provided the relief they need to help them make it through this hard time."

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Brackett's new wing-I offense will compliment its personnel, according to Tigers head football coach David Yeager. **Sports/Page 5**

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This land is your land

By Garry Mauro
Texas Land Commissioner

Texas has not provided facilities for aging veterans since the Civil war era, but that is about to change.

On June 17, the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) signed contracts with The Park Associates and its partners, Rees Associates of Dallas and MW Builders of Temple to design, build and operate the four long-term, skilled care facilities for Texas veterans authorized by Senate Bill 1060 which the legislature passed last session.

A contract was also signed with Graeber, Simmons and Cowan to serve as construction oversight representative for the state.

It took barely a year for the VLB to move through the processes of selecting the sites, setting building design and medical care requirements yet keeping them affordable, deciding upon the firms and negotiating contracts.

Now, the backhoes can get to work -- construction will begin in Big Spring, Bonham, Floresville and Temple as soon as site preparation activities have been completed.

The first week of July, I, as chairman of the VLB, joined the legislators who sponsored SB 1060 and local officials and veterans leaders for ground breaking ceremonies at Temple and Floresville where two of the four skilled care facilities will be located.

Each home will have a capacity of up to approximately 150 beds, each will have a certified Alzheimer's care unit and each will have a complete rehabilitation unit.

The facilities will provide a long overdue benefit to Texas' half-a-million veterans over age 65 and long overdue relief for their families.

However, the homes will also benefit all Texans.

For starters, each home will provide 150 new, permanent jobs for area residents and each will add \$25 million to the community's economy during construction and the first three years of operation.

Moreover, since the VA pays 65 percent of the construction costs, with the balance coming from bonds, no state tax monies will be needed. In fact, because resident veterans will be Medicaid qualified, the Texas Medicaid Fund will save \$20 a day for every veteran in a home.

At 90 percent capacity, the four homes will save Texas \$8 million a year in tax dollars every biennium -- more proof that when we repay veterans for the favors they've done for us, we all reap the reward.

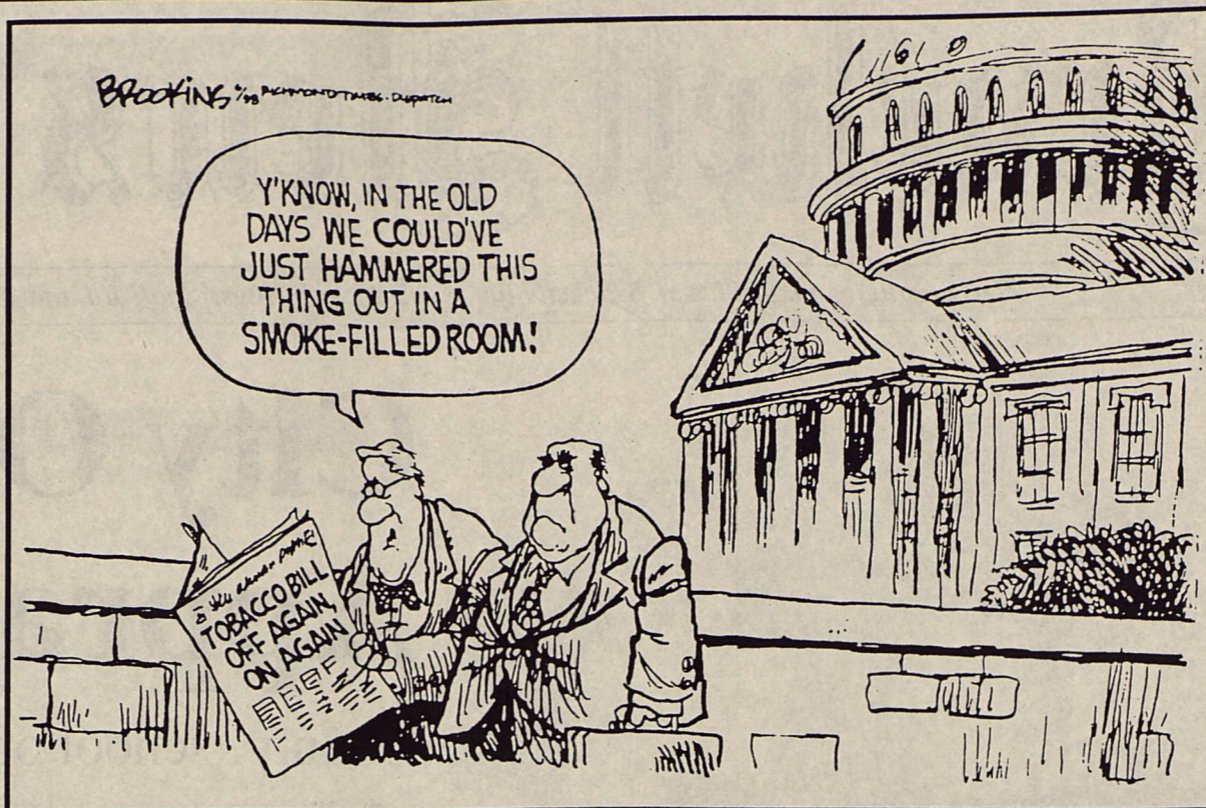
These four homes will not be the last -- according to Veterans Administration formulas, Texas is eligible for as many as 12 skilled care homes.

And these four homes will not only set the standard for how to provide veterans with the finest in long-term, skilled care in Texas, they will set the standard for long-term, skilled care facilities in every state in the nation.

On top of that, since they will be built according to the VLB's Greenbuilding criteria, they will set the standard for environmental friendliness for the industry as a whole.

This unique public-private approach to serving the needs of Texas veterans is just the latest in a long line of innovations on the part of the Texas VLB which makes available to eligible veterans low-interest loans for home purchases, home improvements and land -- all at no cost to the taxpayers.

It is one more reason why the VLB is widely recognized as offering the best package of veteran's benefits in the country and one more example of a government program that works -- that works to the benefit of all.



IRS' has hands in kids pockets, too

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

Last week, thousands of bright, ambitious high school students from all over Texas traveled to Fort Worth to the state FFA Convention.

The annual meeting allows young agriculture leaders across the state to gather together to elect FFA officers and to participate in various contests.

Texas youth join the FFA to develop leadership skills and to get first-hand experience in many aspects of the business of farming and ranching. Many young Texans choose to raise and show steers for one of the many projects the FFA offers. Students learn the intricacies of beef cattle production by raising a steer, showing it and selling it.

Kids who choose to participate in this particular project have to be prepared for all sorts of challenges that come with this responsibility. Challenges from breaking a wild steer to figuring financial aspects, like feeding costs to knowing if a profit can be made.

But one challenge these ambitious young students are not prepared for is dealing with the IRS. No surprise, the IRS is waiting in the wings to jump out and take their tax bite. Kids who make a profit on their FFA projects are forced to fill out tax returns and give part of their hard-earned money to the federal government.

This is crazy. These hard working kids aren't running a business. They are focusing their efforts on something positive. They should be rewarded for that, not penalized. They start at very young ages and work very hard to develop leadership skills that will help them as they become young adults.

Participation in FFA projects is not a business. It should not be taxed like one. It is an educational opportunity over 58,000 students alone are involved in. The money they make helps them further their education.

By taxing the learning youth of America, the federal government makes it harder for career oriented kids to save money for college.

The news these days reports a lot of stories on youth crime and violence. The kids who channel their activities into something positive get little recognition.

Members of the FFA spend hundreds of hours outside of school working on projects that will provide them with greater opportunity. They should be praised for that. They should not be forced to learn early lessons in filling out tax returns. That will come soon enough.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

This week, I want to highlight a whole bunch of people.

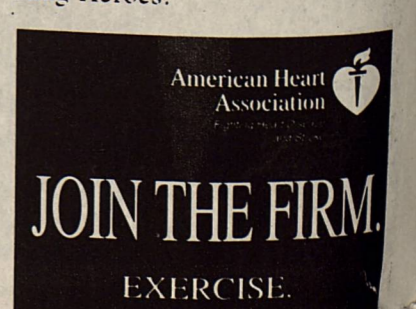
A few days ago, a utility room and garage at Johnny Salmon's house caught fire. In spite of the fact that fire plugs were useless, the fire department with tank trucks saved the house from burning to the ground.

The utility room was only a few feet from the house. It was so close that the heat ruined windows and even drapes in the house, but the firemen saved the house.

Johnny lost her washer, dryer, freezer and some precious keepsake memorabilia. Jimmy lost all his clothes and tools. This was a devastating loss, but at least the house was saved.

Kudos to the Fire Department and the men who did such a great job in saving the house.

Brackettville is blessed with a few men willing to put themselves on the line to protect property and lives. Surely, here are the "Unsung Heroes."



Police, judge should be council's priority

It's high time the city should have a police department and city judge. It has never been satisfactory to have an "inter-local" relationship with the county.

If the city can spend all the money it does on the swimming pool and charge no admission, it could better spend the money for police protection for the city.

The money for a popcorn machine and \$4,000 for a sound system would be better spent for the good of the city.

This would entail close supervision by the City Council. It would mean the council would approve the personnel and audit the fines collected. An audit and criminal investigation should be made of the fines assessed by the justice of the peace even now and in the immediate past.

Between Us
By Joe Townsend

The chief of police and city judge should be beholden to the council and the council alone.

If the mayor refuses to serve as city judge, one should be chosen by the City Council. It need not be one serving 40 hours per week, but could be one serving one or two hours a day and/or on call. No more than is involved could demand few hours. This system has worked well in the past and could do so again.

The money given to the county would be a giant step in right direction.

The right officer (like Norman Hooten and Johnny Fritter) would go a long way to calm the budding crime in the city.

The accumulated profits now held by the city could get the program started in a big way.

Half of the outrageous salary paid the "city manager" could sustain the proposed program in its entirety.

As the council works out the budget for the coming year, it should be a priority item to set up a City Police Department and concomitant judge.

Homestead is where the heart is

Thomas Jefferson told a friend shortly before his death in 1826 that: "I believe the states can best govern our home concerns..."

I'm not sure he had bankruptcy laws in mind when he said that, but with Congress proposing to reform federal bankruptcy laws in a way that could endanger the Texas "homestead exemption," I'm beginning to wonder.

There's no doubt we need bankruptcy reform. Congress should close loopholes in the law that allow irresponsible individuals to slide out from under what they lawfully owe. Too many people are taking advantage of current laws.

Many debtors have failed to make good on their promises to creditors to repay debt by filing for bankruptcy. This raises costs for everyone, as businesses raise their prices to account for bad debts.

As Congress considers what to do about this, though, I will be working with my Texas colleagues from both parties to ensure that the Texas homestead exemption is not ignored.

The homestead exemption protects a family's home even if everything else is lost to bankruptcy. Specifically, the law protects a Texan's primary residence located on 200 acres of rural land or one acre in the city.

While several states have copied it, the idea was born in Texas. This basic protection grew out of the United States Panic of 1837 and subsequent depression in which many families lost their homes and farms through foreclosures. Business stagnated. Money was scarce. No one could obtain credit.

The idea had three purposes: to protect families, the basic unit of society; to give debtors a second chance after bankruptcy rather than force their families into becoming a public burden; and to preserve the individual freedoms that are critical to democracy.

So important to those early Texans was the homestead exemption that, upon joining the Union in 1845, the new state preserved it in its Constitution.

CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Congress has the authority under the U.S. Constitution to establish "uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States."

Federal lawmakers have used this authority more than once to streamline bankruptcy proceedings among the states. In the past, reforms were carefully crafted to avoid undoing state law.

But the bankruptcy reform bill now before Congress goes too far by trying to set one homestead exemption on all 50 states.

Texas' elected representatives, who are closer to the situation than federal officials, are well aware of the problem of bankruptcy abuse. But at the same time they appreciate something legislators from other states cannot: the history and values of our state.

The proposal in the Senate puts a \$100,000 cap on the amount that can be claimed under the homestead exemption. The Texas Constitution bases its exemption on acreage and not value, to protect against inflated property values.

Our state law ensures that families will still have a home even if their property has grown in value over time and would otherwise be lost. I will work to see that protection is included in the federal law.

The homestead exemption is critical to Texas' small farmers and ranchers. If Congress changes the law, I want to make sure the protections written into the Texas Constitution are preserved to the maximum extent possible.

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Big Mama Sez!

Those who are loved widely are usually those who throw caution to the wind and declare their love freely.

Thank You

We wish to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers, the food, the visits, the flowers, the caring and compassion upon the death of our much loved husband, father and grandfather, Walter N. Geeze.

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Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, July 14

11:35 a.m., A Del Rio DPS trooper reported a speeding vehicle eastbound on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. The vehicle was a blue four-door Honda. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. After initiating a traffic stop, Guidry cited the driver for no insurance.

3:09 p.m., A Brackettville man reported a vagrant sleeping on Highway 90, between Rio Grande Electric Cooperative and Southwest Service Company. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene and he resolved the problem.

Wednesday, July 15

11:30 p.m., Reserve Deputy Adrian Pena requested assistance at E. Thomas and Sheedy Street. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene where Pena had detained a vehicle. A juvenile male in the vehicle was twirling a red light, which looked like a police strobe. The driver of the vehicle was a 14-year-old boy who did not have a driver's license. He was given a verbal warning about driving. The vehicle was turned over to the father of the driver. The laser light was taken from the boy and held at the Sheriff's Office. The boy was told it would later be turned over to the owner.

Thursday, July 16

11:50 a.m., A Kinney County man said that someone had broken into his residence on a ranch located off of Highway 2804. The man said only food was missing from the residence.

Friday, July 17

1:24 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported a possible fight between three teen-age boys at a residence on W. Edwards Street. She said two of the boys were drinking and kept driving by the residence in a white pickup, threatening the third boy. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He could not locate the two boys in the pickup. He spoke to the third party, who said he did not know why the other two boys wanted to fight.

Saturday, July 18

12:16 a.m., A Brackettville woman asked that a deputy patrol near her mother's residence on W. Thorn Street while she was at work. She said she did not want anybody at the residence. Deputy

Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene. He did not locate anyone near the residence.

1:07 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs woman reported a suspected prowler near her residence in Unit 3. Deputy Chism was notified of the complaint.

11:05 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that her son, daughter-in-law and grandchild were travelling to her house from Tyler, Texas. She expected them to arrive around 3 a.m. but had not seen them. The woman called back at 11:58 a.m. and reported that the subjects had arrived.

3:28 p.m., A grass fire was reported at Amanda's Crossing on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. Members of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to the scene.

9:40 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported a possible break-in at a residence on a ranch off of Highway 2804. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene where he met with U.S. Border Patrol officials. Tracks were found near the back of the house. The owner of the residence said nothing was missing.

Sunday, July 19

12:50 p.m., A woman reported that she sold a horse to a Brackettville woman and the only payments she received was \$10 in December 1995. She said she wanted her horse back. The woman was referred to Justice of the Peace John Ford.

3:38 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a girl's aquagreen 10-speed bicycle was stolen from her residence on N. Ann Street at about 3 a.m. the night before by two boys, ranging in age from 8 to 12 years old. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He later found the bicycle at another residence on N. Ann Street. The bicycle was returned to the owner.

5:12 p.m., An anonymous caller reported two illegal aliens on Highway 90, east of Brackettville. Border Patrol officials were notified.

Monday, July 20

6:34 a.m., Frank M. Guzman III, 20, of Del Rio was arrested for public intoxication by Deputy Fritter. Guzman was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.



This "mobile home" slowed down traffic in downtown Brackettville on Tuesday. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Students allowed to wear shorts with 5-inch inseam

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in diploma plans.

"The state of Texas has changed a lot of things in the way of required courses this next year," he said. "I believe it became more academic-oriented. There is less room for electives, and they even specify what those electives are going to be."

"There is a copy of the new adopted state of Texas plan in the handbook and I urge parents to go through that."

Stephenson said he thinks the new student handbook "is going to be a lot more user-friendly."

"One of the major changes is that we have tied in approvals that we require from parents on receiving the student handbook, receiving their copy of the code of conduct, and abiding by the computer-user terms. Those are all on the front page and its backside in the front of the book. You don't have to have three separate documents."

The computer terms addresses student use of the Internet, which Stephenson said is "a privilege."

"The Internet is to be used for educational purposes," he said. "If there are reasons to believe that provisions of Internet use are violated, and it does state those, then the student's use of the Internet can be cancelled at any time."

"We do have a lot of content blocks that we use at BISD because there's stuff out on the Internet that our kids have no business viewing."

Stephenson said the handbook should address most of the questions parents will have during the course of the school year.

"As far as use of that book, parents get it and they just see this huge book," he said. "It is my belief that the way you use the book is to use the index to check out things like dress code and school lunch."

"As far as reading through it like you would a morning newspaper, I don't think that's going to do you any good. It's a handbook for students pre-K through 12. If you have a student in kindergarten, most of the information won't even effect you," Stephenson added.

Obituary

Walter Nelson Geeze

Walter Nelson Geeze, 82, of Fort Clark Springs passed away Wednesday, July 15, 1998, at Val Verde Regional Medical center in Del Rio.

Geeze was born July 2, 1916, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

He is survived by his wife: Margaret "Marge" Geeze of Brackettville; daughters: Joyce Bergey and husband Larry of Brackettville, Diana St. Clair and husband Bob of Lowell, Ind., and Patti Lanzetti and husband John of Se-

attle; sons: Christopher Geeze of Wichita Falls, Texas, Richard Geeze and wife Brenda of Lake Station, Ind., and Don Geeze and wife Mary Ann of Albuquerque, N.M.; sister: Ruth Hamann and husband Bob of Florida; brother: James Geeze and wife Sadie of Lady Lake, Fla.; 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday, July 18, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville.

Robert Edward Sittre

Robert Edward Sittre, 69, died on May 25, 1998, at Lander, Wyo., of a massive heart attack.

He was born on Nov. 29, 1928, in Hondo, Texas, to Benjamin and Mary Josephine (Karm) Sittre and moved as a young child to Brackettville where his father was employed by the Webb ranch.

of his death. He and his wife, Jo Anne, lived at Fort Clark Springs as a retired couple during the winter months of 1995-96 and 1996-97, and attended the First Baptist Church of Brackettville.

Sittre is survived by his wife, Jo Anne of Lander; four children by his first wife, Linda, Brenda, Wanda and Robert; and Jo Anne's three children, Cindy, Debbie and Kris. He is also survived by one sister, Irene Sikes of Corsicana, Texas; and two brothers, Jacob Sittre of St. George, Utah, and Elton Sittre of Yuma, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Walter, in April of 1998, and one sister, Marguerite, in April of 1987.

Funeral services were held on May 29 in the Chapel of Mount Hope with Pastor Tray Earnhart of the Lander Valley Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed in Mount Hope Cemetery with military graveside rites performed.

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District Governor Bill Dean (left) presents a banner promoting this year's Rotary Club theme, "Follow Your Rotary Dream," to J.J. Guidry (right), president of the Brackettville Club during last week's meeting. The governor visits each one of the clubs in the district once a year. Photo by Eric McMaster

But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



I know why it's not raining

I have a theory. It's raining from Uvalde eastward. It's raining from Langtry westward. From Eagle Pass south and north of Rocksprings. But it's not raining here.

Now to my novel hypothesis. It's my conjecture that there's a reason it's not raining here. Quite simple really.

I believe that someone around here is letting off too much hot air. This hot air is creating a tremendous dome of warm high pressure. The gentle, soft rain clouds must slide around this dome thus

avoiding the hot air.

That's my explanation. Now what do we do about it? Again the answer is very simple.

All we have to do is find this rascal, and shut him up. Or send him to Nebraska. So stay in touch on this one. Keep me posted.

We desperately need a good rain. Let me know the minute you have any inkling about whom this might be. I'll be ready in a minute to help decide this scoundrel's fate.

I just can't imagine who this could be. But, I could be wrong.

Around Town

By Woodie Hornburg



Las Moras Creek cleaning postponed

Boo hoo! The Las Moras Creek cleaning has been postponed to the first week in August (the exact date has not been set) and also the last Saturday, which is the 29th.

Too many of the 36 workers, who rejuvenated Las Moras Creek on June 27, are gone on vacation.

Since we had a rewarding time doing something constructive for our environment, other citizens

plan to help with the project. The same perks will be available with a variation in the menu.

Creek cleaning not only lifts the spirit, but it also increases the appetite.

Remember, 15 years of age and up, come help us save our creek the first week in August and the following 29th at 8 a.m. at the Las Moras Swim Park.

Ballew awarded Super S scholarship

J. Wayne Ballew, a 1998 graduate of Brackett High School, is a recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from Super S Foods. The Texas owned and operated chain of supermarkets has awarded over \$48,000 in academic scholarships this year to high school graduates throughout Central and South Texas.

All recipients of the Super S Foods scholarships were chosen by their high school principal and the selection was based on the students outstanding scholastic achievement.

"This is an exciting time of year," said John Dieterle, president of Super S Foods. "The scholarship awards are just one of the many ways we help support the communities we serve, and I can think of no better way to reinvest our funds than by helping further the education of our youth."

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Cooler weather and rain must be headed to Kinney County

It's hot and dry in Kinney County, Texas! I know that cooler weather and rain must be on their way. But, in the meantime, the best advice that I can give is to stay inside by an air conditioner.

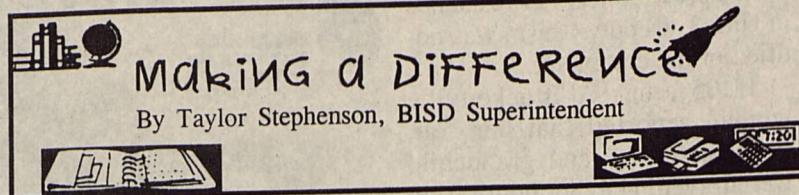
The rain continues to pound the northern USA. Many eastern cities have had twice their normal moisture for the year.

Try to remember water for the birds and field animals. All day long, the wildlife come to get a drink of water. If the drought continues much longer, it will be even more critical to remember water for the wildlife!

First Day of School

We're moving quickly toward the first day of school. Next week, we'll ask the newspaper to print a supply list for elementary school children. Parents and students can begin to get things together for the first school day -- Monday, Aug. 17.

As you purchase clothing for the school year, remember that the school standard for shorts this year will be no shorter than



a 5-inch inseam. The other dress code standards are the same as they have been in the past.

Miller Resignation

I want to say a word of thanks to Mona Miller for the time and effort given to the Fort Clark Springs Association Board of Directors.

Mona resigned her position as president of the board this past week. She spent countless hours thinking and working for the things that she wanted to happen. Mona didn't please everyone. No person in that position ever will. But, she did her best to try to make things better.

Thanks Mona for doing a very difficult job. Best wishes to the board in your quest for a new board member. I believe in Fort Clark Springs. I believe in the board that represents me

Tennis Courts

The cables have been tightened and cut on the tennis courts. This system of construction draws together the hairline cracks to keep them from getting any bigger. It's a good system. We look forward to the completion of this project in the next month.

Detention Center

If the detention center becomes a reality in our county, the impact will be a big one on the economy of the county.

I can see Fort Clark Springs enjoying a building boom. Even such mundane problems as having enough water in the sewer treatment ponds to water the golf course will probably be nonexistent. The prison might need the sewer system that already exists. More flushes mean more

water. After the treatment, the water can be used for the golf course.

I see FCS restaurant and some of the struggling businesses in our community as picking up business. The school building project that offers growth for the future may be built just in time. I'm very optimistic about the future of Kinney County.

School Budget

Dixie Brown and I are spending heavy-duty hours working on the school budget for 1998-99. The School Board will study the budget Monday night in a work session.

As in most budgets, about 85 percent of the funds are spent on personnel. After salary schedules are determined, it is like a giant crossword puzzle.

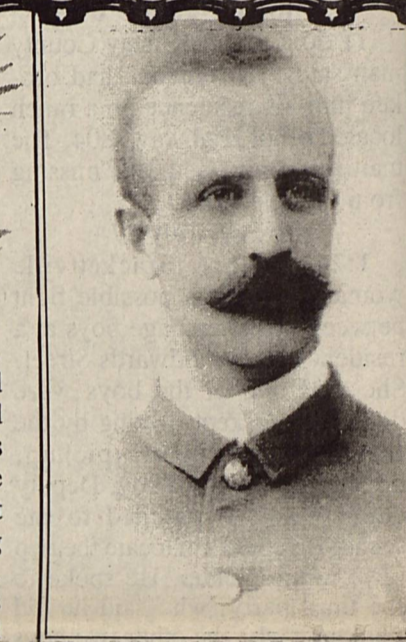
Healthy Trees

You'll be pleased to know that all 21 trees that were planted at the school track are still alive. The heat has not taken its toll on the trees. We watch them carefully, and are pleased with the growth. Have a great week!

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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be given up on account of the darkness. Sat on Gen. Smith's porch for quite a time when he told a number of incidents of his campaigns during the war. Called at Hammond's where a number of musically inclined people sat on the porch singing, and spent the rest of the evening there.

Sunday, July 25, 1886

Had usual inspection this morning. Mail brought a receipt from Young and Arnold and a book George Elliot's "Spanish Gypsy" from some unknown person. There was nothing on the wrapper nor on the book to indicate the sender. The handwriting looks familiar. Wrote letter home before lunch. After lunch went over to the Library to look over the papers, and then wrote to Father about his case and about Mr. White & his family trouble, and also to Forsyth to thank him for the papers he sent the other day. Attended chapel in the evening, the last time for some months as the Chaplain is to leave this week on sick leave. Afterwards walked quite a while with Mabel Boyd. She is just maturing into a young lady and is quite an interesting talker. Sat a while on Mrs. Witherell's porch and then called on Mrs. Hall who is to leave soon.

Monday, July 26, 1886

Guard being Officer of the Day took reveille. Had skirmish practice but the company did not do well. Think if Capt. Vance were here that we could get a better score as Guard takes no interest in target practice. Sat on Mrs. Feche't's porch during guard mounting. Commenced to make preparations to pack up today by getting Capt. Hall to have a crate made for my shaving stand and some repairs to a chest. After lunch looked over the papers in the Library and then went down to the Quartermaster's and the carpenter shop to see how crate was progressing. Read "Silas Lapham" with great pleasure. After dinner went up to Capt. Vance's to see Sophy and then sat on Mrs. Morris' porch talking with her. She returned from San Antonio last night. Went to guard house to examine a prisoner and then issued clothing to the company. Afterwards went to a little girls' party out in Capt. Hall's yard. May Hall & Katie Leefe made the ice cream, cake and lemonade themselves and were the hostesses. Played games and had a pleasant time considering. Escorted Mabel Boyd and Mamie Smith home.

Tuesday, July 27, 1886

The company did its worst this

morning at skirmish practice. Cannot help thinking that if Guard took more interest the men would do better. But Guard never cares until out on the range when he cusses about the men. He was sat upon by Gen. Smith this morning to whom he was complaining. This ends our practice for this year. Mail brought an unexpected letter from Mother enclosing one to her from Helen Giddings. Went down to the store after guard mounting to warn Guard of the meeting of the garrison court and to get a check from Friedlander for the steamer fare. Then tried a man before the garrison court at the post hall. George came over to quarters afterwards when we took up carpet, hung it out in the sun & he beat it and cleaned the room. Packed my books today before lunch. Afterwards read the papers in the Library and then wrote up proceedings of court this morning, and read "Silas Lapham". In the evening called on Mrs. Remington to bid her good-bye and then on Chaplain Merrill & family for the same purpose as they all go to the mountains of Georgia tonight. Mrs. Remington & Mrs. Merrill both are looking badly and need the change. Sat a while at Mrs. Cunningham's and then walked until tattoo with Mabel Boyd, enjoying her society a great deal. Went to Gen. Smith's for a short time & then escorted Mabel Boyd over to Mrs. Cunningham's. Called on Mrs. Lyster afterwards and then stopped to chat at Hammond's gate. Met Hall on the road with Mrs. Feche't coming up from the store where a party had been for beer, while Mrs. Hall was sick at home. I don't understand how a man can act in such a heartless manner who has such a true, loving wife as Mrs. Hall. She looks and feels wretchedly, mainly on account of his conduct. Sat on the porch of our quarters listening to Fountain talk about his experience in New Mexico.

Wednesday, July 28, 1886

No target practice this morning and no more this season for me. Marched on guard this morning relieving Ives. It was very warm at guard mounting. Afterwards Fountain & several others sat in the hall between Ives' & my quarters where it was cool and talked until lunch. Mail brought only Hewitt's Register. After lunch inspected guard and went to carpenter shop to get the crate but could not open the shop as the men had the key. Must get this tomorrow. Then read the Register and wrote usual letter home

returning the letter from Helen Giddings. At five o'clock went over to Gen. Smith's where had an excellent dinner, a regular family affair. Enjoyed it very much. Sat on the porch with Mrs. Hall a moment. She is better and able to be up but she looks all run down. Took retreat and then went back to Gen. Smith's with Mable Boyd and Mamie to show them the pictures that have been made from Mr. Garrett's plates. They are quite good considering. Escorted them over to the hop room where sat listening to the music playing just outside. Had to go away to take tattoo, but returned and escorted them home after the concert was over. Then lay on bed and slept until two o'clock when inspected guard.

Thursday, July 29, 1886

Took the reports at reveille and was relieved at guard mounting by Hammond. Mail had nothing for me, although this was the morning for my ticket to come from San Antonio. Had clothing, trunk, traveling bag and blankets well sunned and aired this morning and commenced to pack chest. After lunch looked over the papers in the Library and then packed almost all of the clothing in the chest, and partially packed my trunk. Completed "Silas Lapham", a book that has given me much pleasure. It is pleasant and refreshing in these days to read about a man so puritanical that he can resist temptation to save himself from financial ruin by a slight deviation from a strictly honest path. Howells has written a very natural tale, true to life, and one that ought to have the sympathy of all honest people. Read a short story belonging to Ives called "Houp-la". In the evening returned books to the company, Library and to Mrs. Cunningham where sat for a while talking. Then called on Mrs. Hall and was glad to learn that her health was coming back. Went over to Gen. Smith's to have a glass of lemonade and to get their orders for photographs of our camp. Returning met Mrs. Smith and accompanied her home and then called for a short time at Hammond's.

Volleyball camp draws 32 athletes

The Tigerettes' volleyball camp has drawn 32 athletes. The camp is for girls entering the sixth through ninth grades.

"The turnout far exceeds what we had expected," Brackett coach Dusty Brotherton said. "We have a good number of girls from each class."

Brotherton said the camp has also drawn a few athletes from other school districts.

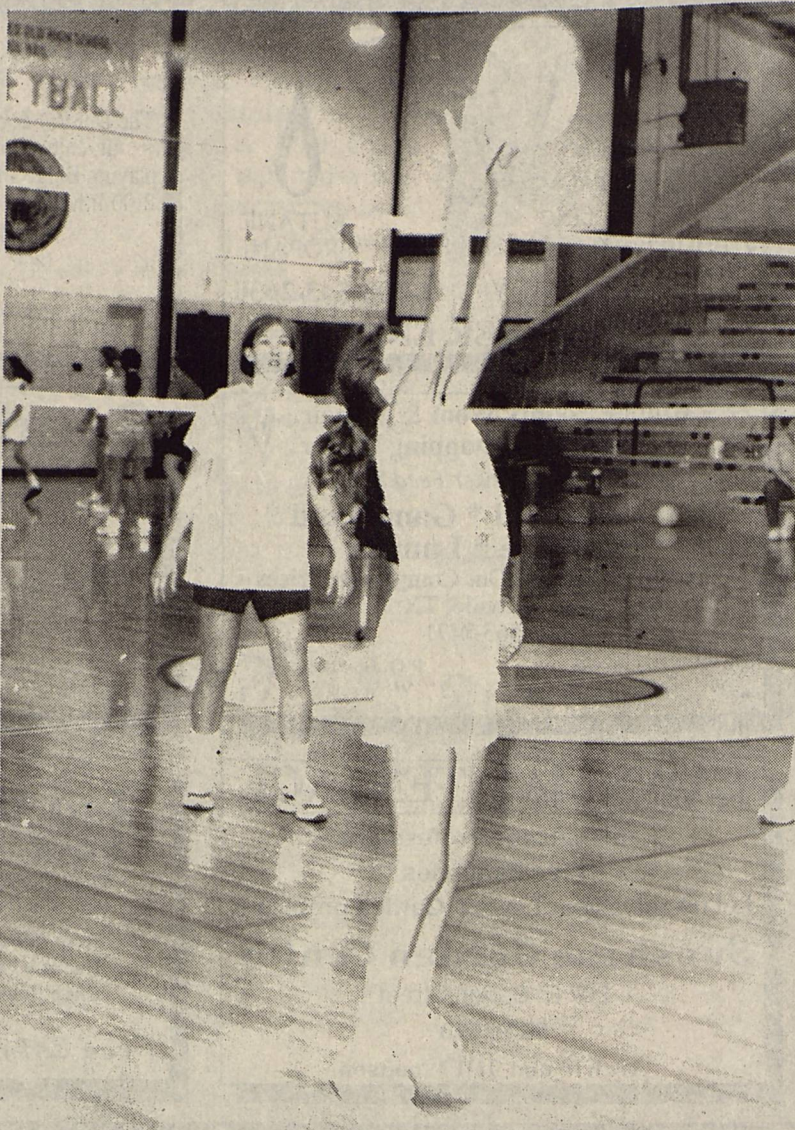
Campers are learning passing, setting, serving and spiking techniques, offense and defense, and how to have fun playing volleyball.

"The girls are learning a lot of fundamentals and they're having fun while they're playing volleyball," Brotherton said.

"The camp is to promote volleyball in Brackettville," he said. "It also gives them a head start when they begin to play competitively in school."

Brotherton is being assisted in the camp by Brackett coaches Bonnie Brotherton, Julie Bruce and Kathy Lutz, along with former Tigerettes Katy Hagler and Tina Meek, who were first team all-district selections last season.

"Katy and Tina have really been a big help," Brotherton said. "They can demonstrate a lot of the fundamentals that we're teaching."



Stephanie Bonner, right, sets the ball as Tina Meek looks on during the Tigerettes volleyball camp on Wednesday morning.

Yeager: Wing-I should compliment personnel

Brackett's new wing-I offense will compliment its personnel, according to Tigers head football coach David Yeager.

"This offense is really good for our kids here because it's based upon speed," said Yeager, who is in his first season at Brackett. "I think our offense will fit our system pretty good."

The Tigers will run multiple formations, including the pro I, the wing-T, and the split back. "It won't necessarily be tailback-oriented," Yeager said. "We'll involve the fullback, wingback and tailback in the offense."

"We'll try to use our trap, our sweep and our option game to attack the off-tackle hole and try to keep defenses honest with some misdirection, some motions and some shifting."

"Anytime you get the defense having to think and adjust on the run, then it will at least slow them down a little bit and give you a better chance to be successful on offense," he added.

The Tigers return eight starters on offense, including running backs Wes Baker and Brent Smith, wide receiver Tommy Sandoval, tight end Jacob Mann, and linemen Steven Hagler, David Honstein, Jose Perez and Coty Williams.

Defensively, the Tigers will operate out of an eight-man front this year.

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"We'll read on the run," Yeager said. "We'll concentrate on having speed on defense, being quick and flying to the football."

"We're going to be known as a hard-hitting team on defense," he said. "We're going to attack and surround the football. We're going to rely on speed and quickness there."

Brackett also returns eight starters on defense. Baker, Mann, Williams and Aaron Taylor return on the line, Honstein, Smith and Brandon Moore started at linebacker positions, and Jarrett Harrison is returning at safety.

Other returning lettermen for the Tigers include quarterback Zach Davis, running back Damion Toms, and linemen Chris Petrosky and Jose Hernandez.

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

Athletic physicals to be given to students next Wednesday

Athletic physicals will be given to Brackett middle school and high school students Wednesday 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

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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 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.

Johnson claims first in Ladies Golf League action

Rosemary Johnson took first place honors Tuesday in Ladies Golf League action at Fort Clark Springs.

Luella Gilliland finished second in the game of odd holes with half handicaps.

Following play, league officials held a business meeting. Plans were made for the Two Lady Invitational tournament on Oct. 6

and a practice round for the tourney on Oct. 5.

Couples League: Charlie Smith, Arlys and Jack Simpson and Mary Stephenson teamed to take top honors in the A Flight last Thursday.

Betty and Bob Lee and Clem and Pat McKelvy finished second in the A Flight, while Tom Beaty, Kelly Dennis, and Carl and Lou Green were third.

The team of Dorothy and Muzzy Edwards and Jim and Rosemary Johnson tied James Stafford, Jim and Joan Struthers and Beth Waller for first place in the B Flight.

There was also a tie for third in the B Flight between the team of Dwite and Luella Gilliland and Lacey and Roger Kurz and the team of Jim Collins, Lynn and Tom McNew and Helen Miller.

BUSINESS

Museum restaurant to open on Sundays

The Cowboys and Indians Museum's restaurant will now open every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., announced Nakai Breen, executive director of Chesequah Inc.

The restaurant will be closed all during the week until Sept. 11. The museum will be open daily

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

"We will be able to open for any social function, parties, organizations, meetings, clubs," Breen said. "We will cater the events."

"Let me know the type of meal, how many will attend and give me a day and time."

"My husband, Bud Breen, wants the public to know he will teach art lessons," she added. "If anyone is interested, please call him."

No alcoholic beverages permitted on the premises at the Cowboys and Indians Museum.

Breen said she was appreciative of the community's support.

City Council approves request to move Appraisal District office

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Fuentes said the Kreiger Insurance building would give the Appraisal District room to grow, where the Masonic Lodge would not.

"With the Masonic Lodge, one day the district will grow out of that building," she said. "There is no way to expand because the property that the Masonic Lodge sits on is just around the (Court-house)."

"If the purchase of the Kreiger building is approved, there is about 25 feet frontage and 116 feet in the back. So there is ample space to add on if ever need be."

Joe York said officials should evaluate the needs of the Appraisal District and consider constructing a new building.

"The Kreiger building is fine for what it was made for," York said. "The Masonic Lodge doesn't adequately satisfy Joyce. If it doesn't satisfy her, let's build a new one."

Fuentes said, "For this area and for what this county can afford and this city as far as assessments, yes, the Kreiger building will suffice."

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

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Joyce Fuentes

clause be waived. The Masonic Lodge has not taken action on the request.

Councilman Wes Robinson asked if the Appraisal District had any communication with the Masonic Lodge about the request.

"The Lodge asked to meet with the district's Board of Directors," Fuentes said. "We're waiting for the entities approval. This is between the entities and the Appraisal District, not between the entities and the Masonic Lodge."

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

"The Masons have been wonderful," she said. "We've never had any problems, and still don't. I don't think it should be a Masonic issue. We're not doing this because we don't like the Masons."

Alderman Ralph Gonzalez made the motion to approve the Appraisal District's request and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tencha Pena. Gonzalez, Pena and Alderwoman

Mary Flores voted in favor of the request. Robinson and Councilman J.J. Guidry abstained.

Guidry said that the taxing entities aren't allowing for economic growth within Brackettville by buying commercial property in the community.

"When Kreiger Insurance closed last January, it was a disappointment to me as a City Councilman and as a citizen because we lost one more business in our city," Guidry said.

"If you evaluate our town over the last couple of years, we're seeing prime commercial property being bought up by government entities. An example is the PCI building which was bought by the school district. Kreiger Insurance is another one we're fixing to sell to a government entity pending the approval of the taxing entities. The Giftbox moved its location and the Middle Rio Grande Development Council moved into their old building. Now, you have the justice of the peace wanting to move into the Task Force building."

"I'm one of the few people in this town that thinks we can bring more business into Brackettville, but it's never going to happen if all the prime commercial property is gone. And that is what's happening."

"As far as the Appraisal District getting a new building, I'm not opposed to that," Guidry said. "But I do have a problem with buying a building on Ann Street which is a prime business location."

Council agrees to contract providing water to Spofford

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Under the proposed contract, the City of Brackettville would charge Spofford \$235.20 a month for the first 96,000 gallons of water -- based on 32 meters -- and \$1.25 per thousand gallons over the 96,000.

"The reason for the two tier system is because that's the way the customers of Brackettville are paying now," Dodson said. "The Brackettville Council believes that what we charge Spofford should be as close as possible to the same thing that the citizens of Brackettville pay."

The contract includes a maximum volume of 1 million gallons per month. Dodson said that amount exceeds what Spofford normally uses.

One Spofford citizen asked what would happen if the community needed more than 1 million gallons in a month.

"The City of Brackettville could go ahead and supply it if they wanted to, but they wouldn't have to," Dodson said.

The original contract proposal included a clause that said in the event of an extended shortage of water, the supply of water to Spofford would be reduced by the same ratio as the supply to Brackettville's citizens. The Brackettville City Council removed the statement from the proposed contract.

Brackettville is proposing that in the event of a shortage the Brackett citizens would have priority over Spofford. Nobody's anticipating that at this time, but it certainly could happen.

The term of the proposed contract is one year.

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

Sara Terrazas, Spofford's city clerk, asked: "Couldn't we go into a long-term contract with the understanding that if there are any adjustments that need be made, we could make them."

"That could certainly be clause into the contract," Brackettville Alderman Wes Robinson

said. "The reason that we think a one-year contract would be better is because sometimes you have things come up that you don't expect."

Dodson said the proposed contract also stipulates "that the water being purchased could only be used for residential purposes."

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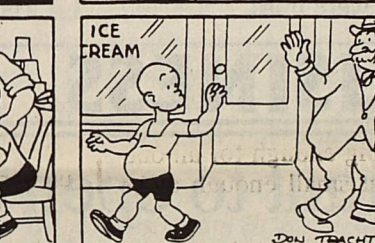
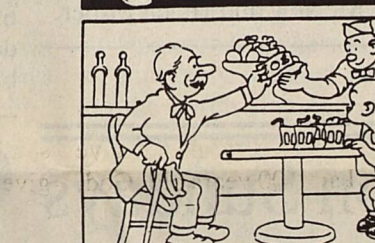
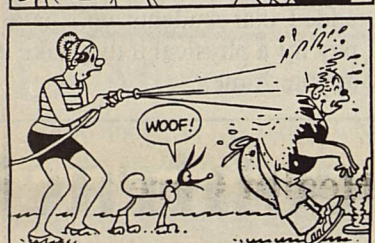
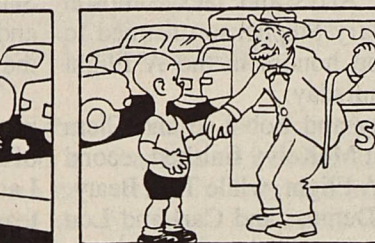
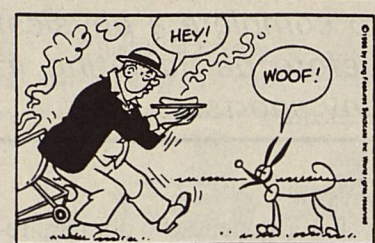
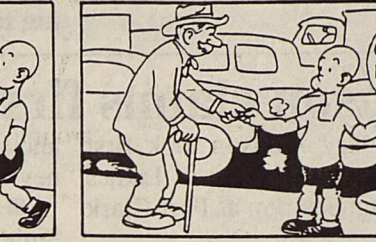
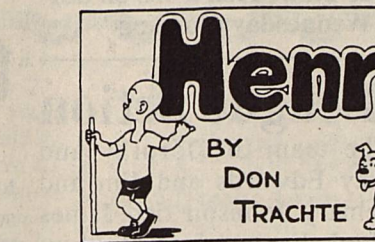
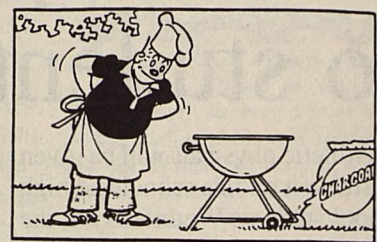
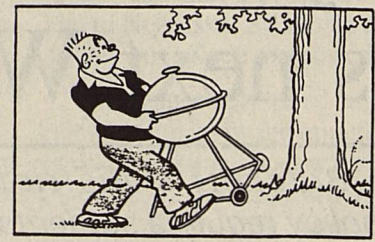
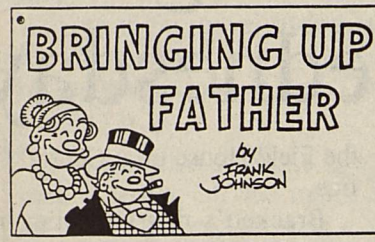
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ACROSS
1 Anagram of trace
6 Island lava producer
10 Long silt
14 Prepares to catch trout
19 Companions of penates
20 Haber-dasher's offering
21 See 97
22 Singing group
23 Ledger entries
24 Patron saint of Ireland
26 River in Germany
27 "All the President's —"
28 He sold his bright
30 Irish sea god
31 Lotto's cousin
33 Never, in Nuremberg
34 Gift of a stone in Cork?
36 "The snows of the state" (Cicero)
38 County in Ireland
40 Boat or box starter
41 Elected official
43 Basoch
44 Out-of-date
47 Lovers' quarrels

48 "A — Good Men" (movie)
50 Teacher of Jewish law
54 Wimbledon winner
55 Word with "Molock" hat or house
56 Settled and steady
58 Mild oath
59 "Isn't — Pity" ("33 song)
60 La Scala actress
61 Eerie apparition
63 High dudgeon
64 Irish county or nonsense
66 A pretended attack
67 Upholstery fabric
69 Rol's spouse
70 Overlays
71 City on the Seine
72 Graphic or mania starter
74 Lavishes too much affection
75 Irish song favorite
78 Charles Dutton sitcom
79 Ship starter?
81 Organic compound
82 Gold, in Granada
83 Slow, clumsy boats
85 Perching bird
86 Sudden, hysterical fear
87 Of a special time period
88 Foundations
90 TVs
91 "Molock" floor
92 Under the influence
93 General intention
95 Marked with asterisks
97 With 21
98 Irish river or sport
102 Good coats
103 O'Casey's "Juno and the —"
107 Grant a lease to
108 Trot or canter
110 French spirit
111 Sarcasm remark
112 Compete
113 To the degree that
115 Settling for an Irish sunset?
118 Ignore
120 One driven out by 24
121 Assam silkworm
122 Emerald Isle
123 Synthetic fiber
124 Leverets
125 Give off smoke

126 Disney chipmunk
127 Crystal-gazers
DOWN
1 Ascend
2 Badger's cousin
3 Where gladiators fought
4 Pro — (for the time being)
5 Perfume
6 Literary work
7 Ballerina's skirt
8 Small drink
9 Swift-footed Greek maiden
10 Attic
11 Adopted surname of Cassius Clay
12 Plunder or loot
13 Rased, as pictures
14 County official
15 Erfurt exclamation
16 Lead singer of The Police
17 Ancient Greek headband (var.)
18 It might be stainless
25 Home of the Alamo
29 Bishop's domain
32 Hill in San Francisco
35 Originate
36 "The — of a Clown" ('70 song)
37 Relaxes opposition
39 Old oath
41 Do an alter-dinner job
42 Respond, in a way
44 Jack and Jill's burden
45 Italian wine center
46 Emblems of Ireland
47 Cinnamon or pepper
49 Irish attribute?
51 Early king of Ireland
52 Actress Lynn
53 Road to Rome?
55 River in Venezuela
56 Cloak-and-dagger figure
57 Devilish
60 First sign of spring?
61 Cut in two
62 Word before robin or steak
65 Ever, to Keats
66 "— Attraction" (movie)
68 Attention-getter
70 Italian dish of corameal
71 South Dakota's — City
72 Hermit or King
73 Lively dance
74 Drops off
75 Entertained sumptuously
76 Algerian seaport
77 Egg part
80 Career of interest
81 Oxford feature
84 Penn or Connery
86 Confessed seriously
87 "The Road"
89 Certain tennis matches
91 — facade
92 Double-duty couches
94 Flightless bird
96 American Indian
97 Job or shock
98 Overly sentimental talk
99 Hair-coloring agent
100 Essence of roses
101 African river
103 Actor John of "Miracle on 34th Street"
104 Sheeplike
105 Sweet or hard
106 Barge loads of coal
109 Biblical weed getter
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400-meters	High Jump	Pole vault	Track
Broad jump	Hurdles	Races	

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Be careful not to misplace a credit card. Check bank statements carefully. The completion of a work project pleases you once the week is done. Feel free to kick up your heels over the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You could feel it's all the other person's fault, but you're quick to put your own two cents in, thereby fueling the fire. Practice common-sense health rules. Socializing isn't favored this weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Where money is concerned, there's a tendency to quarrel. Guard against free-spending ways this week when you tend to go overboard seeking pleasure. Stop insisting on getting pleasure and getting your own way as well.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) People in high places are ready to help you. Keep the lid on expenditures and the use of credit. The enjoyment of pet pursuits and hobbies is favored once the work week is finished.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) If you can keep a handle on your spending, it should be a favorable time for you. Partnership activities, romance and recreation are pleasantly highlighted. A quiet weekend at home beckons.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You seem to have more success with recreational pursuits than in business. Accept social invitations. Participate in group affairs during the weekend. A friend confides in you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A mental block about a financial concern actually gives you more time to think things over. Be sure to consult with close ties. Follow through on promises made to those in author-

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Rough spots during the week will be smoothed over. Some truly happy news comes from a friend. Mental work, travel and collaborative efforts are favored.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) First, partners share a responsibility, then it's off together for wonderful times. Travel invitations arrive. Love is captivating this weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You'll be spending more on shopping expeditions in the coming weeks. Keep your eye out for an object of beauty that's not too expensive. Be aware of others' sensitivities and don't be bossy.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A home matter remains unsettled for the moment. You could socialize with a colleague. The coming weeks bring an upswing to get together with friends, so enjoy!

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The thing to do is to keep trying. Persistence truly pays off. A financial door is blocked, but a better one opens as last-minute solutions come your way.

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July 23Amy Walker	July 28Tom Fierova
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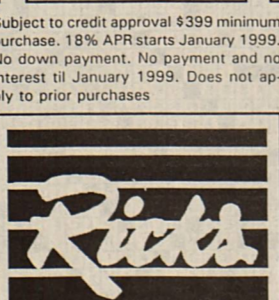
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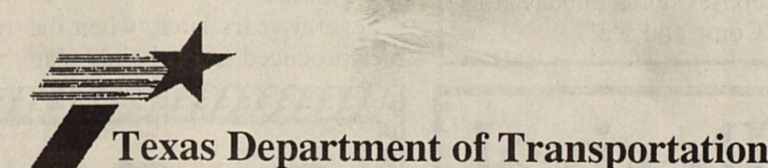
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