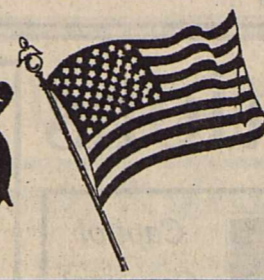


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Money big issue for Legislature

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

With a \$5.6 billion budget surplus, money will be a big issue for the 76th Legislature, which opened Tuesday.

"I think some of the bigger issues revolve around money and how we're going to spend it," said Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine. "For me, money is always a big issue because we have a lot of infrastructure needs in these counties."

Gallego spent the weekend preparing for this year's session at Fort Clark Springs with his 10 staff members from his offices in Alpine, Austin and Del Rio.

"This is a beautiful place and the weather is great," he said Saturday. "We've kind of wandered around the fort a little bit. It's allowed us to really get in a good mix of business and pleasure."

The state representative said he would like to see the Legislature address campaign finance reform.

"We spent millions and millions of dollars on campaigns this year on state house seats that pay \$7,200 a year, for example," Gallego said.

"If you spend a million dollars on an election like that, how many kids could you feed? How many Meals on Wheels could you deliver for that million bucks? I just don't think it's a real good use of money."

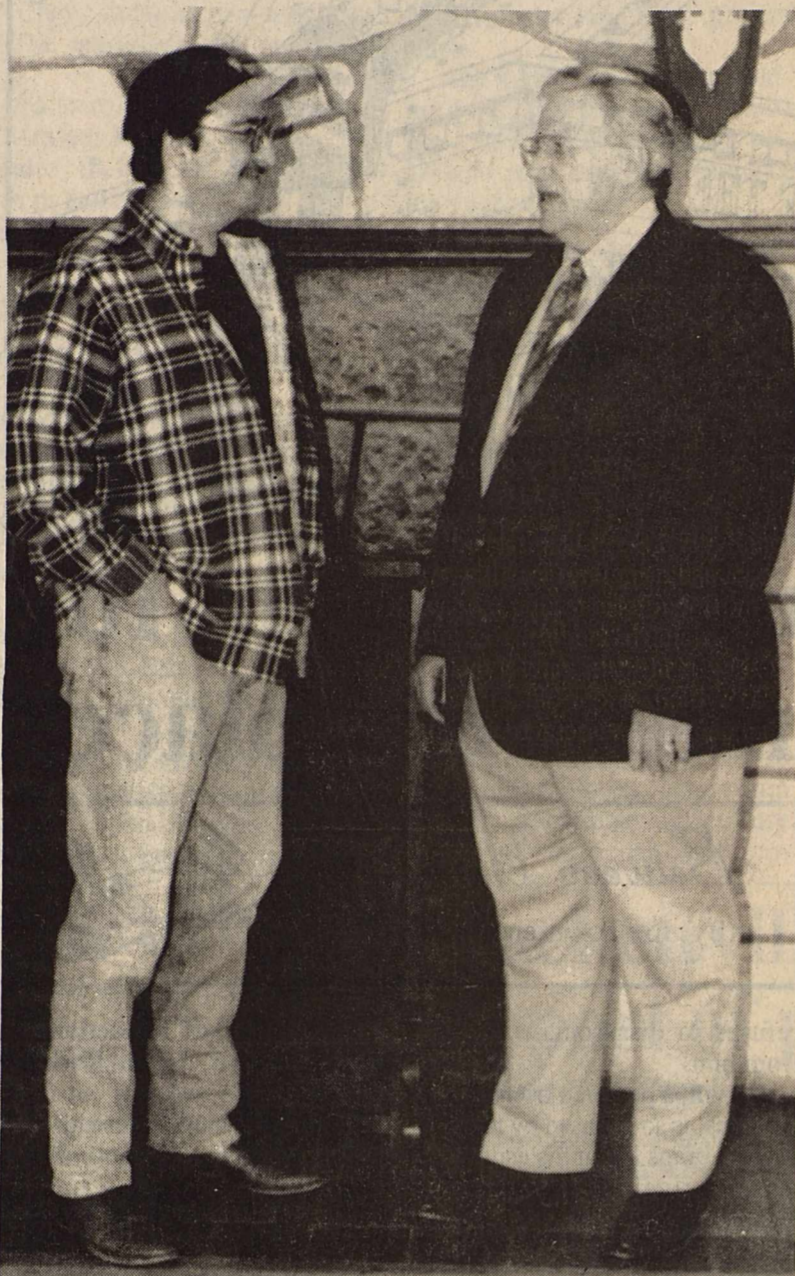
One of the most talked about proposals for this year's session is distributing tax dollars to public or private schools in the form of vouchers.

"Last year, the vouchers failed in the house by one vote," Gallego said. "Depending on the people that got elected this year, that may change. I always vote no on vouchers."

"I am a big believer that if you have a problem in the public schools, then the goal should be to fix the public schools as opposed to sending the kids somewhere else."

"And for us out here, vouchers are not really viable because our only choice, for the most part, in most of the counties is the public school."

"I don't want to take any money away from the public schools for the private schools. I think the public schools need some more help," he added.



Rep. Pete Gallego (left) discusses this year's legislative session with Fort Clark Springs General Manager Jim Heath Saturday.

Heath takes steps to ensure safety at fort

Rep. Gallego to propose bill for law enforcement for gated communities

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

While Fort Clark Springs officials are taking measures to ensure traffic safety, Kinney County's state representative is preparing to propose a bill that will allow gated communities to contract for law enforcement services.

Fort Clark Springs General Manager Jim Heath announced last week that speed bumps will be erected on the fort on some dangerous one-way streets.

"There are areas where certain drivers are taking a shortcut and going the wrong way down a one-way street," Heath said. "It has caused at least one and possibly several incidents where somebody could have been seriously hurt or even killed. If we have to slow folks down utilizing speed bumps, we will."

Heath said the association will also erect additional speed limit signs, as well as pedestrian and deer signs.

"It's just ongoing protection for the resident members," the general manager said. "They're entitled to safety to the extent that we can do it reasonably and within budget."

"There are certain areas where drivers need to be more alert to what our speed limits are and where

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General Manager Jim Heath

we are having active pedestrian activity - where folks are walking, particularly in the evening.

"We have an awful lot of wild game. We've never had those deer signs up and we're putting some of those up. It's just to alert and inform, and try to take additional steps of protection for the membership," Heath added.

On Saturday, Heath visited with Rep. Pete Gallego, who is preparing to propose a bill that would allow gated communities to contract for law enforcement services with sheriff's departments. The state representative said he hopes to have the bill approved during this year's session.

"There are some questions about how to do it in the right fashion with the Constitution and private property," said Gallego, D-Alpine. "There are a bunch of issues that come up. The goal would be to take care of it now."

City remains party to CPL class action suit

The City of Brackettville will remain a party to the class action suit between the City of San Juan and Central Power and Light.

The City Council passed a resolution in support of participation in the suit by a 3-1 vote last Tuesday during its monthly meeting.

Council members Mary Flores, Ralph Gonzalez and Tencha Pena voted in favor of the resolution, Wes Robinson opposed, and J.J. Guidry abstained.

In the suit, the City of San Juan claims that Central Power and Light was under-collecting its franchise fees, which are paid to the cities served by the power company.

"The class action does refer to the idea that we've under-collected in the past," said David Baker, an area manager with Central Power and Light (CPL). "It doesn't re-

"The class action does refer to the idea that we've under-collected (franchise fees) in the past. It doesn't really stipulate how they come to that assumption."

David Baker

ally stipulate how they come to that assumption.

"It states that they feel that we should be collecting gross receipt on miscellaneous fees. The way that the franchise and the Public Utility Commission document is worded, we're not required to collect on that so we haven't."

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Whitney Hobbs (left) and Michelle Melancon prepare their lambs for this weekend's Kinney County Livestock Show. For related information, see Pages 4-5. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

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Davis selected to attend National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Zachry Davis of Brackettville has been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference Jan. 26-31 in the nation's capital.

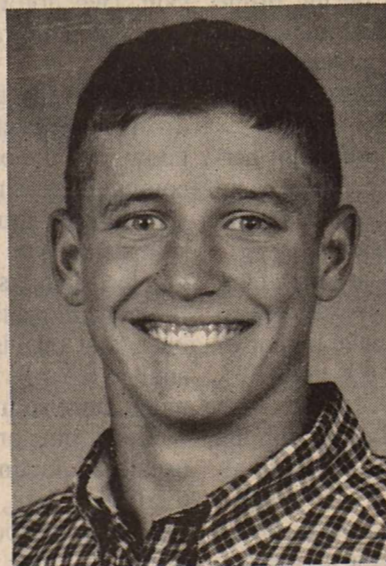
The National Young Leaders Conference is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit.

Davis, a junior at Brackett High School, will be among 350 national scholars attending the conference from across America.

The theme of the National Young Leaders Conference is: "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today."

Throughout the six-day conference, Davis will interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

Highlights of the program include welcome remarks from the floor of the United States House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists



ZACHRY DAVIS

at the National Press Club. Scholars will visit foreign embassies and receive policy briefings from senior government officials.

Davis may also meet with his senators and representative or an appointed member of their staff to discuss important issues facing

Brackettville and the nation.

To complement these special meetings and briefings, Davis will participate in a number of leadership skill-building activities.

In one activity, "If I Were President," students role play the president, members of the cabinet and representatives from Capitol Hill who must respond to an international crisis.

The National Young Leaders Conference culminates with the "Model Congress," in which scholars assume the roles of United States representatives by debating, amending and voting on proposed legislation.

The National Young Leaders Conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization.

Founded in 1985, the council is committed to "fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential. Over 400 members of the United States Congress join this commit-

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Michael Lasday

ment as members of the council's Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors.

Each year, only 7,000 youth nationwide may participate in the 20 sessions of the National Young Leaders Conference.

"The conference provides the opportunity for students like Zachry to distinguish themselves as tomorrow's leaders," said Michael Lasday, the council's executive director. "Scholars not only gain knowledge and experience in the nation's capital, they leave with a sense of accomplishment and an increased ability to face the challenges of the future."

Seven to vie for FCS board

Seven candidates will vie for three seats on the Fort Clark Springs' Board of Directors.

Three members of the Board of Directors are seeking reelection - Elizabeth "Betty" Gibbs, David Gonzalez and Santos Yerena.

Other board candidates include Ella Mae Chambers, Robert Moore, Herb Senne, Jack Simpson and Jack Workman.

The Fort Clark Board of Directors approved the ballots and candidate resumes Saturday morning during its monthly meeting.

Fort Clark's Certification Committee announced that 560 of the association's 4,369 members are not in good standing, so 3,809 will be sent out.

Ballots will be sent out on Feb. 5. Election results will be announced at the association's annual meeting on March 27.

Border questions

In my questionnaire that The Brackett News printed last summer, the most answered question turned out to be one dealing with our country's immigration policies.

I asked, "The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) estimates the illegal alien population to be 5 million, compared to 3.9 million 1992. In 1996 more than 916,000 aliens were admitted as permanent residents. Do you think current levels of immigration should be maintained? Made more generous? Less generous? What further steps do you think INS should take to prevent the entry of illegal aliens, and to detect and deport those who are here?"

Nobody, and I mean not a soul, responded in support of our current levels of immigration; 86 percent of those who answered said we should cut the number of legal immigrants we allow to enter our country while 14 percent would increase it.

Here are some of your comments on this high profile issue in Texas:

From Brookston: "America has always been known as the melting pot of the world. We now are the overflow reservoir for the world, as well. We grant free entrance into this country to legal and illegal immigrants who are a drain on our economy. We are so hamstrung by courts that relieving ourselves of this burden is impossible."

From Corpus Christi: "I know you've been working on this already. But we need to keep increasing the Border Patrol. It would also help to impose large fines on employers who knowingly break the law by hiring illegal workers. Until we start cracking down, people will keep coming to get those jobs."



Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

From San Antonio: "There are still way too many immigrants on food stamps, welfare for people with children and other social programs. I thought this was supposed to stop with welfare reform. Until we end these giveaways, people will keep coming to get them."

From Beeville: "We should patrol our borders like we patrol the demilitarized zone in Korea. We have the technology. We can do it there. Why can't we do it here?"

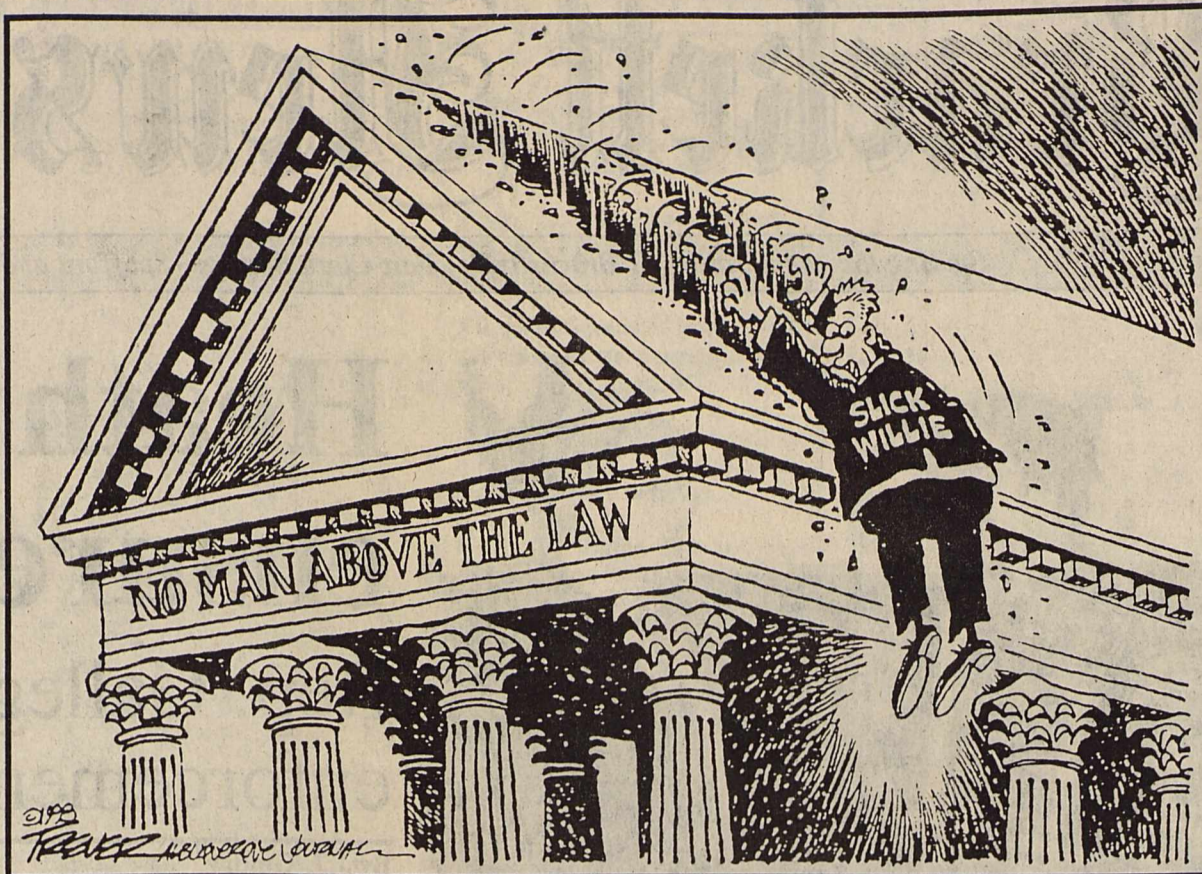
Irving: "We should take a deep breath and let those who have come here get used to us, and us to them, before we let more in."

From Romayor: "We are giving America away."

From Manvel: "If there was a little accountability in the Social Security offices, illegals could easily be detected and stopped. In this day and age of computers, there is absolutely no excuse for this sort of thing to go on."

Illegal immigration is bad for Texas. I have been working hard to beef up the Border Patrol. Last year we added an additional 1,000 agents, and we are doing the same this year. The Border Patrol and other INS officers are receiving state-of-the-art, high-tech equipment and we are beginning to regain the control that was lost.

The United States has a responsibility to maintain the integrity of its borders so that our resources are available to citizens.



Why would you vote for Clinton in the first place?

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Now that the case for ousting Slick Willy is on public record, we can expect more trashing of those who want to see right prevail.

The corps of lawyers who constantly trash all who believe in moral responsibility and the teachings of God are working overtime to seek to polish the halo the president has sought to crown himself with.

A casual look at those in the president's corner betrays the character of Clinton. It's hard to find two people that are lower scum than Larry Flynt and James Carvill.

Flynt has served one term in prison for his skulduggery, is trying to avoid another and openly flaunts his disdain for the law and human decency to try to save Clinton.

Clinton stands before America and prates about ending the character assassination of all people, and the same day Flynt preens his feathers because he has brought scurrilous claims against many Republican officials and Clinton

refuses to disassociate himself from him.

Carvill, a personal friend of the Clintons, is so debased by his egotism he brags about his espousing of filth against anyone who chooses to have moral character and make it be known.

"Birds of a feather flock together" is an axiom that certainly applies to Slick Willy and his entire coterie of defenders.

This is expected, but where are those of the 70 percent who said if Clinton lied to the grand jury he ought to go?

There cannot be the slightest doubt in any honest mind that he did that. To say he had been and is a good president is either a cry of the ignorant or blind bias.

In foreign policy, he has cultivated potential enemies (China, North Korea, etc.).

The failure of his actions in Bosnia, Sudan, Haiti, Kosovo, Iraq, Palestine, etc. cry out for a different leader in America.

His alienation of most of the United Nations shows failure of his leadership.

His arbitrary actions in environmental issues will cost the U.S. taxpayers billions of dollars for years to come.

His support of "partial birth abortions" pushes the U.S. down the path of degraded morals.

And on and on it can be shown his presidency has been a debacle with fall out coming for years to come.

It's difficult to understand how thinking people could have voted for him in the first place. It's so-lace to remember that the majority of voters have never voted for him.

Television is a great danger for parents

By Steven R. LaMascus
Contributing Writer

I love television, don't you? It is relaxing to come in after a hard day and sit down to be entertained. You don't even have to think. You can just sit comfortably and do absolutely nothing.

And the best thing about television is the fact that it doesn't try to moralize. It doesn't matter if it teaches really ridiculous, maybe even obscene ideas to your children - at least they are entertained and you don't have to deal with them. Besides, everyone knows that what you see on television isn't real. Don't they?

I hope those of you reading this realize that the above is intended to be sarcasm. If not, then you are the ones I really want to talk to.

Not long ago, I came home and picked up the TV Guide to see what was on the Movie Channel. I read through the listings and had decided there was nothing worth watching when something suddenly occurred to me. There was not a single movie that day during prime time that was not rated R.

I flipped through the rest of the week and found the same thing. Every single show during prime time hours was rated R. A number had nudity, all had strong language, and most had violence. The next day, I called and cancelled my subscription to the Movie Channel.

That helped, but not much. Even the major networks' programming is getting obscene. There is no such thing anymore as a wholesome, clean, family television show on prime time television.

I don't understand. Why is it necessary for a family television show to use four-letter words, sexual innuendos, and rude behavior to achieve humor or drama? It wasn't necessary in the '60s and '70s. Why is it necessary now?

In the last 10 years, the quality of programming has degraded to the point where I am afraid to allow my family to watch television. I simply don't know what types of trashy, noxious ideas are going to be heaped onto the public through the airways. It really frightens me.

Another problem is that we, the American adult population, have begun to rely on television as a baby-sitter. We don't want to be bothered so we tell the kids to "go watch television."

This does a number of very dangerous things. It puts them in the situation of not having to use their minds. They sit mindlessly in front of the boob tube and watch propaganda that teaches them the worst possible lessons. If you don't believe me, just sit down and really watch one of the so-called family

shows. Try Rosanne, or Seinfeld, or Friends. Really look instead of just watching.

I remember one episode of Seinfeld in particular where a character's girlfriend saw him coming out of a cold shower. It was hilarious as he bemoaned the fact that she might think his... well, never mind. Suffice it to say that the subject is one that should not be discussed with your young daughter.

Children today don't even have to use their imaginations. Those of you old enough to remember when there was real programming on radio will remember what it was like to sit in front of the radio and listen to the Lone Ranger, Johnny Dollar or Captain Midnight. There might not have been a screen to watch, but you saw every move the characters made. You used your imagination. And not only that, each show had a moral. Good wins over evil, help your neighbor, kindness is rewarded, or something that taught higher moral values.

And maybe worst of all, it takes away the dialogue between family members. Many modern families never communicate. Some families may go days without saying 10 words to each other. When they are together they don't converse, they watch television. They don't share thoughts, ideas and information. Often they are just strangers living in the same house.

I personally think this is one of the reasons the divorce rate is climbing at such an alarming rate. I know it is one of the reasons our children are becoming increasingly unruly.

You may think television is a harmless diversion. If so, you are dead wrong. It is one of the greatest dangers you face as a parent. When the Bible mentions the Great Deceiver it might be talking about television. It is difficult enough for an adult to separate fact from fiction on television. How much more so must it be for a child?

Everything on television has a distinct slant. It is usually an incline to the left that portrays things in the liberal light, but not always. Violence and sex sell! They are both exciting and modern television positively drips with both. Is this what you want your children to grow up thinking is normal?

Do yourself, your children and the rest of us a favor and start monitoring what you and your family watch on television. Instead of coming home and plopping down on the couch to be mesmerized, take the time to be a family. You can play games, talk, read (especially the Bible, it's still the best book ever published), go for a walk, go fishing or hunting, visit friends, something. And when you do watch television - watch out that you aren't deceived. It's not as innocent as it appears.

A passing generation honored

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

A remarkable generation of Americans is slowly slipping away. A generation of men and women so dedicated to preserving freedom and fighting evil aggression that they willingly did the unthinkable. They left their families, the safety and comfort of their homes and went to foreign lands to fight for the country they loved so much. They are the veterans of World War II.

It's a sad fact, but we are losing this precious generation at a rapid rate. The surviving veterans of World War II are now in their 70s, 80s and 90s. You never know, the elderly man ahead of you in line at the grocery store could very well have stormed the blood beaches of Normandy; or the grandmother sitting next to you at a local diner could have nursed back to health thousands of soldiers wounded in battle.

In tribute to World War II veterans, the American Airpower Heritage Museum in Midland is sponsoring the "Remembrance of War" series. The series is housed at the Confederate Air Force headquarters at Midland International Airport. It opened in mid-January and will run through the middle of December 1999.

The "Remembrance of War" series includes seminars, displays, films and discussions given by men and women of that precious, fading WWII generation. This is a fantastic opportunity to speak directly with men and women who were there - those who looked the enemy in the eyes and fought with unrivaled courage.

As the pages of history show, our country is filled with heroic men and women who bravely fought in wars and conflicts around the world. Their commitment and courage is to be admired and respected. But the aging World War II generation is fading away.

I encourage West Texans to visit the "Remembrance of War" series. Talk with our WWII veterans. Listen closely as they tell, with a flicker of excitement and a tear of remembrance, their heroic stories from the battlefields of World War II. Once you hear the stories first-hand, you'll realize that history books just cannot do them justice.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

This week, I want to highlight several people and entities.

Recently, Jonnie Salmon had a devastating fire. It burned up her freezer, washer, dryer, tools, clothes, et al.

Numbers of people came to her aid. Many gave money. Others time and expertise. Men from the Church of Christ, led by Elmer Haller and Marcus Tidwell, spearheaded the endeavor.

Aid came from the Church of Christ, Frontier Baptist Church and many individuals. Today, the carport and storage room have been completed.

This is just another example of warmhearted people wanting to help in time of need.

Kudos to all who had a part in this benevolent effort. These all indeed are Unsung Heroes.

Prayer to St. Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever.

Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude Worker of the Miracles pray for us.

St. Jude helper of the helpless situations, pray for us.

Say this prayer nine times a day for eight days and then publish.

Your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. M.M.C.

Big Mama Sez!

I am never bored anywhere; being bored is an insult to oneself.

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Briefs ...

U.S. Border Patrol agents seize 411.95 pounds of marijuana in two incidents on Thursday

DEL RIO - U.S. Border Patrol agents from the Eagle Pass station seized 411.95 pounds of marijuana in two separate incidents last Thursday.

Agents seized 179.10 pounds of marijuana down river from Eagle Pass. Officials also seized the 1987 Chevy Suburban in which the marijuana was being transported. The marijuana was valued at \$143,280.

Arrested for possession of marijuana were Juan Daniel Camero-Rodriguez, 18, born in Monclova, Mexico; Roberto Vasquez, 26, born in Eagle Pass; Ramiro Diaz-Gonzalez, 18, born in Ciudad Acuna, Mexico; and Roger Frassier, 20, born in San Antonio.

Later that day, agents seized 232.85 pounds of marijuana up river from the Eagle Pass Port of Entry. Officials also seized the 1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass in which the marijuana was being transported. The marijuana was valued at \$186,280.

Arrested for possession of marijuana was Luis Rey Aguado-Rangel, 22, born in Allende, Mexico.

The marijuana, vehicles seized, and those apprehended were turned over to the Multi-Agency Drug Task Force in Eagle Pass.

Old Quarry Society to host annual cabaret dinner Jan. 30 at Las Moras Restaurant

The Old Quarry Society will host its annual cabaret dinner on Saturday, Jan. 30.

This year's event will be held in the Cavalry Room at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs. The event kicks off at 6 p.m. with a cash bar. Dinner will follow at 7 p.m. and the entertainment will begin at 8 p.m.

Featured as entertainment are "Four Hits and a Miss," a musical group from Uvalde. The group is comprised of prominent businessmen and women, including Dr. John Barnes, Bryson Knowles, Emmett Harris, Don Friend and Toni Hull. Their music encompasses everything from gospel to old classics.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Adult Center at Fort Clark Springs. Seating will be limited.

Fifth annual bratwurst meal set for Sunday

The tradition continues with the fifth annual "Wisconsin-style" bratwurst meal, scheduled for Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

The meal will consist of bratwurst "imported" from Wisconsin, sauerkraut, German style potato salad, beans, iced tea and coffee. Texas hamburgers will also be available.

The meal is \$4.50 pre-sale and \$5 at the door. Meals are \$2.50 for children under 12.

This year, the event is co-sponsored by Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance, Winter Garden Branch No. 8871 and Aid Association for Lutherans Branch 11061.

Border Patrol agents apprehend 3,922 aliens

DEL RIO - U.S. Border Patrol agents in the Del Rio sector apprehended 3,922 illegal aliens last week, including 454 at the Brackettville Station. The Eagle Pass station led the Del Rio sector with 1,710 apprehensions, the Del Rio station had 846 apprehensions, Carrizo Springs had 428, Uvalde had 187, Comstock had 89, Rocksprings had 79, San Angelo had 60, Abilene had 35, and Llano had 34.

Project Show set for tomorrow

The Kinney County Project Show has been set for tomorrow during the county's annual livestock show at the Kinney County Civic Center.

Any adult over 19 years of age residing in Kinney County is eligible to enter the county project show.

Any youth 19 and under residing in Kinney County or attending a Brackett ISD school is eligible to enter the project show in the youth division.

The project show is divided into the following age groups: under school age, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, Grades 1-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12, and adult.

Exhibitors in the youth division must be under the direct supervision of the vocational agricultural teacher, vocational home economics teacher, county extension agent, a classroom teacher or a parent. The exhibitor's entry form must be signed by the respective supervisor.

Entries for the youth division must be submitted in writing to the county agent, classroom teacher, vocational agriculture teacher or vocational home economics teacher.

1999 Kinney County Project Show

The following are divisions and classes for next week's 1999 Kinney County Project Show:

- **Foods:** cakes, decorated cakes, yeast breads, quick breads, 1 crust pies, 2 crust pies, jellies, jams and marmalades, pickles and relishes, candy, cookies, meat dishes.
- **Needlework:** crocheting, hand embroidery, knitting, needlepoint, hand quilting, machine used needlework, weaving, crewel, counted cross stitch, miscellaneous.
- **Clothing:** (one or more garments constructed by sewing as a unit of wearing apparel) tailored, non-tailored, evening.

- **Clay, glass and wood sculpture:** pottery, ceramics, stained glass, glass etching, sculpturing - any medium.
- **Paintings:** oil, acrylic, water color, pastels, miscellaneous.
- **Drawings:** ink, charcoal, crayola, pencil, miscellaneous.
- **Flower arrangements:** live material, artificial material.
- **Photography:** color, black and white.
- **Leathercraft.**
- **Metal work.**
- **Educational exhibits:** (all divisions) poster, displays, charts, science exhibits.
- **Miscellaneous.**

Obituary

Ramon Vela

Ramon Vela, 77, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1999 at a local nursing home in Del Rio. He was born Oct. 19, 1921 in Florencia, Coahuila, Mexico.

Vela was preceded in death by his parents, Mariano Vela and Maria De Jesus Flores.

He is survived by daughters: Librada De Leon, Eresmi Aguirre and Lucia Vela; sons: Jose Vela, Demetrio Vela and Ramiro Vela; sisters: Juanita Rivas, Vicenta Lozano and Raquel Vela; brothers: Josa Vela, Marcelino Vela, Macario Vela, Jeremias Vela, Florentino Vela and Ascencion Vela; 26 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday, Jan. 15, at the family's home in Brackettville. Mass was held Saturday, Jan. 16, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Rev. Jose Perez Caracoza officiating. Burial followed at the Catholic Cemetery in Brackettville.

Pallbearers were Ariana De Leon, Miguel Angel De Leon Jr., Hilda Aguirre, Roberto Aguirre Jr., Cesar Montoya and Leticia Vela.

Brackettville City Council passes resolution in support of participation of CPL class action suit

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"It's a straight pass-through franchise fee. It's not something that CPL makes any money on. It's based on the energy sales within the city limits. We collect that from the customers and it is passed straight through to the city. So it's not an area that we can make any profit. We're regulated by the PUC," Baker added.

Guidry asked if CPL would pass on any lost revenues as a result of the class action suit to its customers.

"It depends on what type of ruling the court would have on it," Baker said. "If it's a ruling that we have under-collected in the past, since that is a straight pass-through, as I understand it, we're allowed to attempt to recol-

"Whatever we administer within San Juan, we do the same for every other city that is incorporated that we serve."
David Baker of CPL

lect that through the franchise fees. If it's a ruling about how it's administered, it may be something that's from here forward.

"That's always subject to change. If the city wants us to collect gross receipts in a different fashion, then we honor whatever their intent is on that."

Baker said the City of Brackettville would

receive any benefits the City of San Juan receives even if the City Council chose not to participate in the class action suit because of a clause in the franchise agreement.

"The favorite nation's clause says that if there is a finding in favor of the San Juan class action suit, whatever we administer within San Juan, we do the same for every other city that is incorporated that we serve," Baker said. "For example, in the late '70s, the original franchise fee was 2 percent. Corpus Christi wanted to start collecting 4 percent. So we went ahead and did that across the board. We do the same for every town, so you're not at risk of not receiving anything that is favorable to San Juan."

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, Jan. 10
10:30 a.m., A Texas Department of Transportation employee reported that a Brackettville man had an automobile accident on F.M. 693. He said that the man was able to drive the vehicle home. He also reported that there was debris on the road.

Monday, Jan. 11
5:40 p.m., A civil disturbance was reported on Pafford Street. Chief of Police Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene. He spoke with a man who complained about a small four-door white car which kept driving by his house. He said the driver was harassing his dogs and pointing a small rifle at his house. He said the vehicle was occupied by two white teenagers. Ring continued to patrol the area while looking for the vehicle.

Tuesday, Jan. 12
2:02 a.m., A Brackettville woman called to report that there was someone in her front yard at her residence on W. El Paso Street. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene. The woman said it was a relative in the front yard.

Wednesday, Jan. 13
3:00 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that someone had ransacked his house on Remote Alley. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene. The man said that someone had forced open the west-side door to the residence. While inside, two interior doors were damaged and there were two holes in the wall. The man said that a China desk cabinet was missing. The case is still under investigation.

Thursday, Jan. 14
1:15 p.m., A man at a Kinney County ranch located on F.M. 3348 reported that a hole had been cut in a game-proof fence. Chief deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene. The case is still under investigation.

9:20 p.m., A motorist reported a stranded motorist on Highway 90 East, two miles from the Cline checkpoint. Deputy Sheriff Bobby

Guidry was dispatched to the scene. The motorist said that his family was on the way to pick up the vehicle.

Friday, Jan. 15
2:54 a.m., U.S. Border Patrol officials reported that a motorist requested assistance on Highway 90, approximately two to three miles west of Brackettville. Deputy Guidry and ABC Wrecker Service of Brackettville were dispatched to the scene. Guidry met with the driver who said he fell asleep and ran off the road. He had two tires blow out on his 1994 Ford Aerostar. The vehicle was towed to the owner's residence at Fort Clark Springs.

2:03 p.m., A Brackettville man called to report that someone hit his car, which was parked at the Bank & Trust. Chief Ring was dispatched to the scene. Ernestina Lumbreras, 27, of Brackettville was driving a 1994 blue four-door Ford Taurus. She backed out of a parking space and ran into a 1997 gray four-door Ford Taurus, which was legally parallel parked on North Street.

7:32 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs man reported that a relative was trying to keep his daughter's medication away from her. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. An aunt said that the woman had just gotten out of the hospital and did not need any more medication. The woman's husband said he would talk to the owner of the residence and get permission to go inside to get the medication. After getting permission, Deputy Guidry observed the man go inside the residence to get the medication.

Saturday, Jan. 16
12:57 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported a reckless driver on Ann and Fourth streets. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

8:49 a.m., The owner of the Outback Grill reported that someone had shot a window with a BB gun. Chief Ring was dispatched to the scene.

12:15 p.m., A Brackettville

woman reported a lost little girl at Gove and El Paso streets. Chief Ring was dispatched to the scene. The mother of the 4-year-old girl arrived to pick up the girl. The child was visiting her grandmother across the street and went into the wrong yard.

7:45 p.m., A Brackettville man reported loud music on El Paso Street. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene and advised the neighbors to turn the music down.

8:50 p.m., A Kinney County man reported two illegal aliens on his ranch, located on Highway 674. Officials attempted to call the U.S. Border Patrol, but there was no answer at the Brackettville station. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene and apprehended the illegal aliens. They were transported to the Kinney County Jail and held until U.S. Border Patrol officials arrived.

11:40 p.m., A Brackettville man reported loud music on second Street. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He said the problem was taken care of.

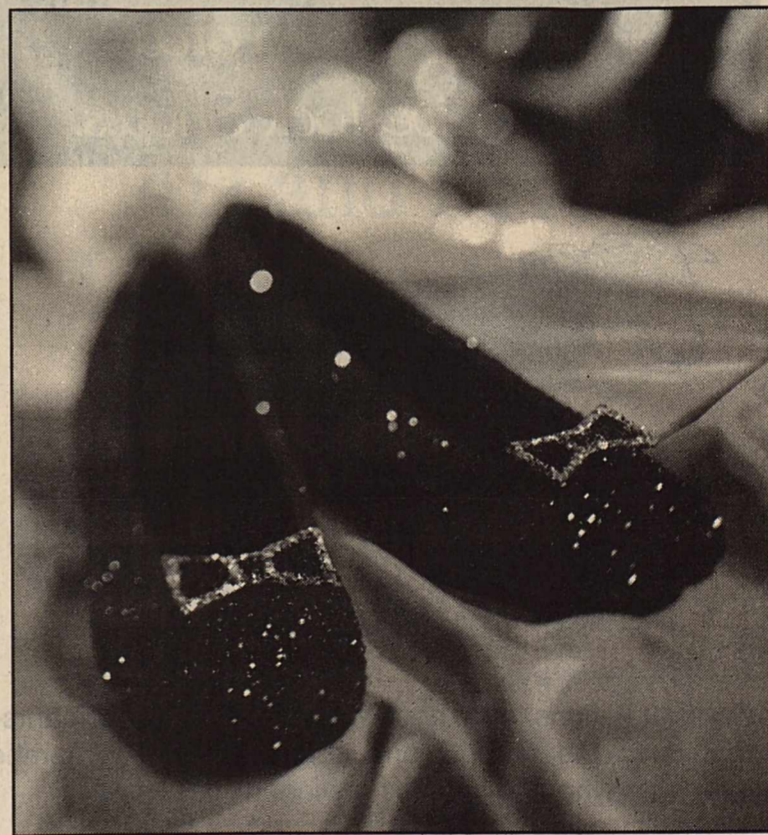
Sunday, Jan. 17
12:53 a.m., An anonymous caller reported a white pickup driving at a high rate of speed on N. Ann Street. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He said the situation was taken care of.

12:10 p.m., A Brackettville woman requested assistance at her residence on E. Second Street. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene. The woman said someone had sprayed her car with shaving cream. The officer said nobody saw anyone around the vehicle.

11:08 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that someone was harassing his family. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene, but the man never returned to the location.

Monday, Jan. 18
8:16 p.m., An employee at Ora's Drive Inn reported that someone had left a hitchhiker at the bar. Chief Ring was dispatched to the scene.

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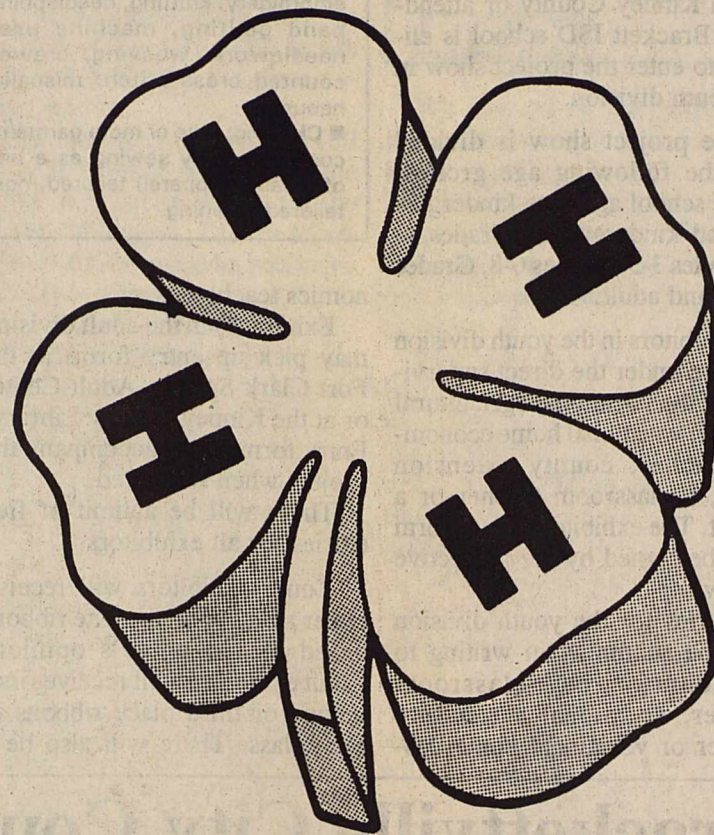
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1999 Kinney County 4-H

Friday and Saturday, January 22 -

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Livestock Show Schedule

Friday, Jan 22

8 a.m. to noon weigh
4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jan 23

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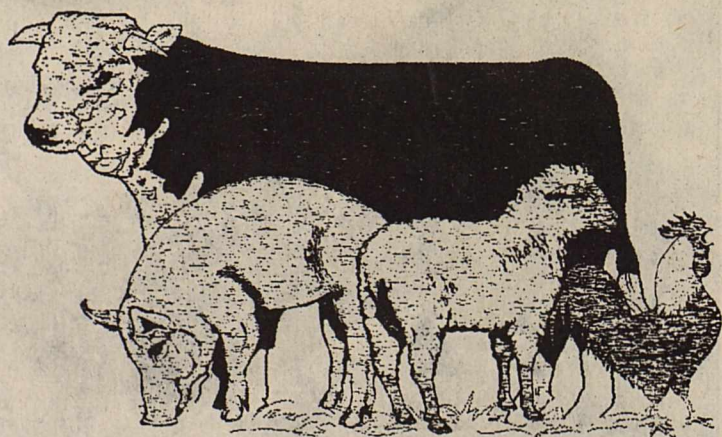
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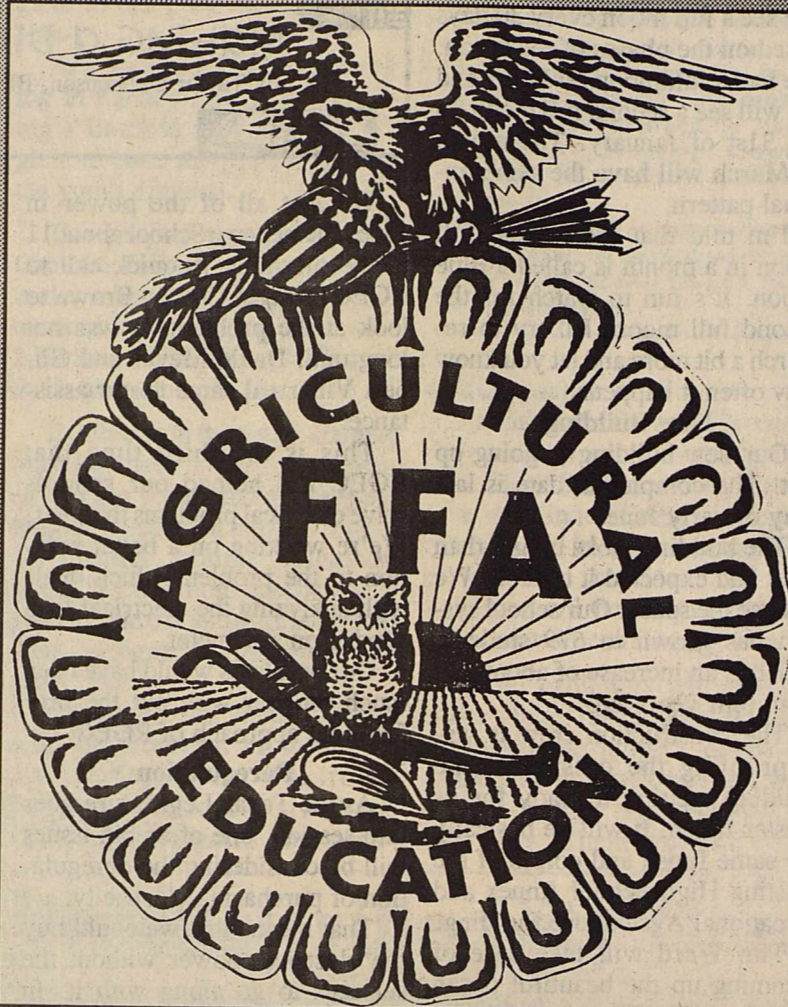
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-market steer classes
-rabbit classes

January 23

-market lamb classes
-market goat classes
-barbecue lunch
- Show Awards presentations
- Livestock Show Premium Sale

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There will be a lunch catered by the Kinney County Livestock Show. Meal tickets are currently available at the County Extension Office and are currently being sold by local 4-H and FFA members. Tickets purchased prior to January 23, 1999 will be \$4.00 and \$5.00 at the door. The public and surrounding area are invited to purchase a meal ticket and enjoy a delicious barbecue meal 12:00 noon January 23, 1999 at the Civic Center.

The FFA and 4-H members and their families would like to express their appreciation for the public support from local and surrounding businesses as well as individual contributors. Without your support this major event would not be a success. Thanks to you, IT WORKS!

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Haenn presents program at garden club meeting

Bill Haenn presented some facts not commonly known about the vegetation around Seminole Canyon State Park last Thursday as the Mountain Laurel Garden Club met in the Gorgas Room.

Haenn, a tour guide at Seminole Canyon, was the guest speaker at the meeting, which attracted 18 members and one visitor, Marian Campbell.

Haenn explained that this area dates to 12,000 years ago when the land was lush and big game abounded. About 4,000 years later the climate had changed, making the landscape much as it is today.

The people gradually changed from hunters to gatherers and vegetation and very small game became their diet.

Haenn exhibited several examples of cacti still found in the area such as wild oregano, prickly pear (used for bedding, pouches for arrowheads and the fruit for food and purifying water), agave (from which they made sewing thread, string, rope, paint brushes and medicine) and sotol, whose plant stem grew very strong and tall and provided many uses.

The tasajillo is one of the most dreaded plants. It provides berries for birds. However, the barbed thorns are difficult to remove from flesh and can leave their sheath which contains

toxin.

The ocotillo is not a cactus, but when planted in rows the spiny stems made an effective fence for early settlers to protect their chickens from coyotes.

Haenn also spoke of the mountain laurel whose beans were used by Indian shaman who knew the treatment for removing the toxicity and retain the hallucinogenic properties for use in medicine.

In other business, Pat McKelvy and Sarah Richhart volunteered to prune the roses in the rose garden. Nancy England will assist Norma Conner in maintenance of the garden.

Joyce Williamson will continue the watering project in February.

Rosie Mattingly has located a source for the Mulberry tree to complete the Howard Skelton Memorial. The Memorial Committee, Ruby Cheaney and Marge Geeze suggested that the group continue planting trees for memorials.

Charlene Simmons, chairman of the flower show, announced that this year's show will be titled "Floral Expressions." It will be held at the Fort Clark Service Club on May 8.

Helen Peck, program chairman, announced that Pat Spohnholtz will give a slide presentation about nature and wildlife at the February meeting.

Watch out for the Blue Moon Jan. 31

January is an unusual month! We see a full moon every 30 days based on the phases of the moon. We had a full moon on Jan. 1 and we will see a second full moon on the 31st of January. The month of March will have the same unusual pattern.

I'm told that the second full moon in a month is called a Blue Moon. It's fun to watch for the second full moon. I'll try to research a bit more and let you know how often it happens.

New Building

Our new building is going up fast! The completion date is late May or early June.

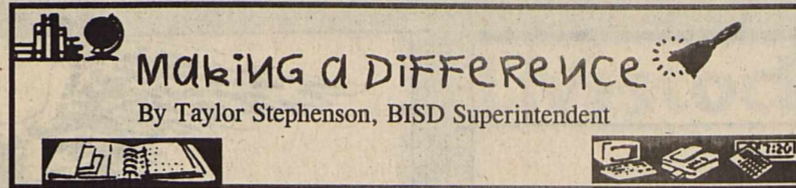
The building looks bigger than most had expected it to look. We can use the space. Our school system has grown to 679 students which is an increase of about 100 from four years ago.

The construction crew is waterproofing the outside of the building, getting it ready for its plaster finish. It will be basically the same finish and colors of the existing High School Annex and Vocational Agriculture Building.

Tim Ward will take care of trimming up the beautiful pecan trees that will offer elegance to the building.

RGEC Offers Hand

Last week, Rio Grande Electric came through and helped our school district solve a problem again.



We lost all of the power in Jones Elementary School about 11 in the morning. A quick call to RGEC brought Clinton Brown to look at the problem. It was not long until David Meyer and Gilbert Villarreal came to our assistance.

This is the third time that RGEC has helped our schools solve electrical problems this year. We're working on a better solution to the problem which deals with analyzing the electrical load needed on this meter.

Our problems would have been much tougher with out the professional approach of RGEC.

Deregulation

As the Texas Legislature goes into session, one of its big issues will be considering the deregulation of purchasing electricity.

That means that we could buy the electrical power without the services to go along with it. In other words, buy it from a cheap source in another area and NO ONE is here to help local folks who live in isolated places with problems such as we have had this year.

The service is what makes it

all work. I'm not for this one. Think about it!

GED Classes

GED classes are beginning at the Brackett Alternative School this week for folks who have not completed their high school diplomas.

If you or someone you know has not finished high school, this is your chance. With employment opportunities in our area improving, you will need a high school diploma.

Call Mr. Clements or Mr. Petrosky at 563-9537. You'll be glad that you did!

Livestock Show

Don't forget the Stock Show and Project Show this weekend at the Kinney County Civic Center.

The Project Show exhibits will be open Friday afternoon. There will be great livestock from Kinney County on exhibit all day Friday and Saturday morning.

Hamburgers will be sold at noon Friday and Saturday will feature a noon barbecue and the traditional livestock sale.

Come out and support agriculture in Kinney County. Have a great week!

But I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



Anti-stress kit

This is your anti-stress kit. I send these out this week in the hope that these items will help you to relax and enjoy your life more.

Rubber band: To remind you to stretch your new ideas and your mind to new limits so you will continue to grow and reach your potential. Tissue: To remind you to see the tears and needs of everyone, including those of yourself and your peers.

Candy kiss: To remind you that everyone needs a hug, kiss, or a word of encouragement every day. Life saver: To remind you to think of your peers as your "life savers." And you are theirs. Care about each other and help each other through the stressful times that occur in life.

Penny: To remind you the value of your thoughts - BIG ones and little ones! Share them. Eraser: To remind you that we all make mistakes and, with an eraser, they can be erased, as can our human mistakes be overcome.

Toothpick: To remind you to "pick out" the good qualities in others and yourself and to be tolerant and accepting of the differences of others. Paper clip: It's important to "keep it all together." Find the balance in your physical, emotional, professional and spiritual life.

Explore the resources and programs available to you in the community. I thought you might need it. But I could be wrong.

Heath addresses Brackettville Rotary Club

Fort Clark Springs General Manager Jim Heath gave an update on the fort and touched on future plans at last Thursday's Rotary Club meeting.

Heath explained this opportunity to speak was welcomed because communication is a priority in order to function effectively in his job.

Members and other interested people need to be informed about the basic realities underlying the decisions made in running the fort, and have an opportunity to express their opinions, he said.

There are always differences

between necessities, needs and desires. A cooperative atmosphere can only come about when members understand the realities involved.

Frank Cheaney, president of the Historical Society, has obtained two grants for repair work on fort buildings. The Post Theater and the Wainwright House are having exterior work done.

Storage tanks located on Fort Clark have been inspected for contamination and removed. This work has been financed by the government and overseen by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Bridge Club attracts six and a half tables

The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Club met Tuesday with six and a half tables playing. Winners in the north-south division were Mac and Marie McCandless, Fred and Nita Clayton were second, and Carol Benfield and Molly Schroeder finished third. Mary Edgar and Nancy O'Brien won the east-west division, Joyce Bell and Alice Seargeant took second, and Mylo Unruh and Peg Woolston were third.

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

Friday, Jan. 21, 1887

Started the men at target practice this morning but did not wait to see it completed. Went to the store to settle hop account, and then up to the office for mail but to my disappointment there was nothing. Today is the day for the letter and papers from home. Read the papers in the Library and then wrote a letter of congratulations to Millie Rowan whose wedding occurs next Thursday. Commented a letter to Henry Freeman before lunch. Had usual French lesson in the afternoon and it was as beneficial as before. Completed letter to Henry afterwards. Had dress parade this evening. Walked a while with Hewitt after dinner and then called on the Eckersons, Fowlers, Weeks and Williams; the second and third were not at home. After tattoo had a right pleasant call at Gen. Smith's and then went over to the hop room where the men were having a masquerade ball and looked on with others. Think we ought not to have been there as we dont like to have them come over to watch us. But it is said they dont object, in fact rather like to have officers there. Escorted Miss Coleman home and then stayed at Gen. Smith's chatting for quite a while.

Saturday, Jan. 22, 1887

Marched on guard this morning relieving Ives. Mail brought letter and papers from home and a letter and a paper from Lula. The latter paper contained an account of the cantata of Esther in which John took part. Letter from home enclosed samples of flannel for a tennis suit. Must make a selection and have the suit made up. Spent the morning in reading the papers. After lunch Hewitt came in for a while. Then wrote up guard report and read in "La Tulipe Noire." Read in this same book until after midnight when the Officer of the Day inspected. Just after taps the sentry gave an alarm



of fire for a light in the blacksmith shop. Took some members of the guard over with buckets of water and put it out without alarming the garrison. Later on Ives came down with the Jordan girls bringing me a saucer of nice home made candy. It was very acceptable.

Sunday, Jan. 23, 1887

Gen Smith brought Dr. Lauderdale down to inspect the guard house this morning before guard mounting. Geary relieved me. Mail brought me the bill for the tights which shows that they are coming by registered mail and ought to be here in a few days. Wrote on letter home and took a bath before lunch. After eating went to Guard's a while to get Mrs. Guard's opinion about some flannel for a tennis suit, and then completed letter home and also wrote to Lula and John before dinner. Capt. Vance is Officer of the Day, so that he took the calls today. Sang in the choir as usual but we had no voluntary as we had no practice. Escorted Miss Jordan home and then sat in Capt. Vance's until tattoo. Called at Guard's for a short time to get the Mikado music score and took Mrs. Hammond home from there. Read a chapter in the Bible and had a long call from Ives afterwards.

Monday, Jan. 24, 1887

Had drill this morning, battalion formation. We were kept out until almost guard mounting. Mail brought nothing but an advertisement circular for me. Had usual target practice for the recruits and then went up to Capt. Vance's to practice the Mikado. Carried the book to Mrs. Guard's at 11 o'clock. Read the papers at the Library before lunch. Had usual French lesson at Capt. Vance's after lunch. Had dress parade this evening. Dined at Capt. Vance's with Ives, Geary, Flynn and Walcutt, and had a very enjoyable time and an excellent meal. Ives and I had to hurry from the table to go over to the hall to practice the Mikado. We were a little late but had a long practice this evening and accomplished a good {deal}. There is still a great amount of work to be done be-

fore the piece will be ready for the stage. Escorted Miss Coleman and Mrs. Leefe home. Read in "La Tulipe Noire" before retiring and studied up tactics for tomorrow morning.

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1887

Had drill this morning, battalion movements. The usual target practice took place after guard mounting. Mail brought a letter from home and the pair of tights. They are a little too large in some places but fit all right otherwise. Looked over the papers in the Library and then went over to Capt. Vance's to practice the Mikado. Tried part of it on the organ at the hall at noon when the school was dismissed. After lunch got a company tailor and with the assistance of Ives and Guard marked the tights for alteration so as to fit better. Then played cards a while with Guard and read in "La Tulipe Noire." After dinner escorted Miss Coleman over to the hall where we had a practice again of the finale of the first act of the Mikado. It was an improvement on last night but requires a great deal of work yet. The men were practicing their chorus this evening and did very well too. Took Miss Coleman home and then practiced until near 11 o'clock with her.

Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1887

Had usual battalion drill this morning. After breakfast went up to Capt. Vance's to mend a book, a copy of the Mikado, and then gave it to Miss Jordan who was sitting on Mrs. Cunningham's porch. Mail had only an advertisement for me. Went over to the company but found the men had already fired at their gallery practice. Commenced a letter home but stopped to go over to town to buy a postal note for \$2.24 to send to pay for the tights. Also ordered some volumes of the Century magazine, and witnessed the transfer of a discharged man's final statements at a store. Wrote on letter home until lunch and completed it afterwards. Read the French book until four o'clock when went to the school room to practice the Mikado. After dinner escorted Mrs. Schwartzkopf over to the hall where the first finale



was practiced. Made some progress but there is an immense amount of work to be done yet. After the leader left, some of us remained and practiced with the organ accompaniment. Dr. S. came after his wife, so took Miss Coleman home. Went up to Capt. Vance's just after dinner and looked over the paper. The Senate has been discussing the fishery question and some pretty severe things were said by Ingalls against England and her policy. This question may lead to war but am inclined to think that England does not dare to fight us.

Thursday, Jan. 27, 1887

Today is Henry's birthday and Mollie Rowan's wedding day. No drill the last three days of the week and none this morning. Mail had nothing but an advertisement for me. Had usual gallery practice this morning and then went over to the Quartermaster's a moment. Read for a while in the French book and then went up to Capt. Vance's to read his paper. It contained nothing new about the fishery troubles. After lunch read the French book and took a bath. Attended a rehearsal in the school room at four o'clock. Called on Mr. Kauffman and his daughter who came here last Sunday or Monday night to visit Capt. K. Miss Kauffman was here in '84 just before I went to Brown. Escorted her to the band practice room where we rehearsed the Mikado. Sergt. Ecknarf who had charge of the music was obliged to be at the hop room where the men had a hop this evening and Mrs. Guard played the accompaniment on the organ. The chorus made a great improvement and did quite well. Think better progress is made with the organ than with the violin alone. Read in "La Tulipe Noire" afterwards.

Brackett sweeps Natalia Tigers, Tigerettes host Dilley tomorrow

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

NATALIA - Brackett swept a double-header with Natalia Tuesday night in District 30-2A basketball action.

The Tigers outscored the Mustangs 16-8 in the fourth quarter as Brackett picked up its first conference win with a 54-51 victory.

"The kids played real well," Tigers coach Jimmy Thomas said. "It felt good to get a win on the road. We showed tremendous poise and discipline in running our offense. We played smart defensively."

Matthew Smallwood scored 14 points to pace the Tigers (1-1, 6-10), and Jacob Hughes

and Phillip Juarez each had 11.

"Matthew hit some big shots for us down the stretch," Thomas said. "Hughes was the key to the game offensively. He had several good shots."

Steven Hagler scored eight points for Brackett, Schiller Hill and Damian Toms both had four, and Coty Williams pitched in two.

The Tigerettes improved to 13-9 on the season and moved into a tie for third place in district after picking up a 54-18 victory over the Lady Mustangs Tuesday night.

"I was real pleased with the win," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "We really needed a win, coming off of two losses. It was a good confidence booster."

Point guard Tricia Robinson scored a season-high 11 points to lead Brackett's offense.

"Tricia played well," Nowlin said. "She ran the offense well and kept her turnovers to a minimum."

Lindsey Brotherton and Queta Garza each scored 10 points for the Tigerettes, Jennifer Ashabraner had six, Laura Lee Ballew and LaToya Wright both had five, Duquesa Hunt chipped in four, and Samantha Payne added three.

Comfort is leading the district race with a 4-0 mark, Jourdanon is 3-1, and Brackett and Dilley are both 2-2.

Brackett will host Dilley tomorrow night and Center Point on Tuesday.

OUTDOORS

Texas proposing measures to address snow goose crisis

AUSTIN, Texas - Even in nature there can be too much of a good thing.

Snow geese and Ross' geese that nest in Canada and winter in Texas have become so numerous that the arctic habitat cannot support them.

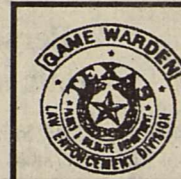
In other words, they are literally eating themselves out of house and home.

Unless something is done quickly to reduce their numbers, officials predict the snow geese face the possibility of a major die-off from disease and starvation, not to mention the ongoing catastrophic impacts the birds are causing to a vital ecosystem.

In an effort aimed at averting a population crash, state and federal wildlife officials have formulated a plan to reduce snow goose numbers through hunting.

Drawing options from recently published federal proposals, Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) is recommending several conservation measures that could be implemented within the next two months to help hunters in Texas increase their take of snow geese.

"We have an opportunity to



A Little On The Wildlife Side

By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden



accomplish two things with these proposals," said Dr. Gary Graham, TPW wildlife division director. "Increase hunting opportunity and diminish the ecological catastrophe taking place."

About 44 percent of the snow goose harvest in the Central Flyway occurs in Texas, said Brian Sullivan, migratory waterfowl biologist with TPW.

"Our liberal regulations during hunting season have resulted in increased hunter participation and harvest, however, it's just not effective enough under these extraordinary circumstances," Sullivan said.

TPW is proposing a special snow goose hunting conservation action to begin on Feb. 1 in the eastern goose zone and Feb. 15 in the western goose zone.

If passed as proposed, the measure would allow hunters to use electronic goose calls, unplugged

shotguns, an extension of shooting hours to one-half hour after sunset, and no bag or possession limit for snow geese. The action would remain in place until April 25.

Hunters would still have to meet all other requirements for hunting waterfowl in Texas, including purchase of state and federal duck stamps and Harvest Information Program certification.

Sullivan said hunters provide a free, willing and highly motivated labor force to help solve the problem. But they will need additional tools to be effective.

Just as snow geese have instinctively returned to the same haunts year after year, they have also survived by avoiding traditional hunting tactics, such as decoy spreads and calls.

Snow geese have become adept at surviving. One goose taken by a hunter last winter along the up-

per Texas coast had been tagged with an identification band by wildlife biologists over 20 years earlier near the same location where it was killed. This kind of survival illustrates why snow goose populations have tripled in number over what the land will support, say wildlife biologists, to upwards of 3 million birds.

"Mature snow geese have a knack for staying out of harm's way and after seeing the same decoy spreads year after year these older birds become wary of traditional hunting techniques," said Sullivan. "We need to be able to provide hunters with whatever tools we can to help kill geese. Studies have shown electronic calls to be highly effective at decoying adult geese into shotgun range."

In order to take advantage of the federal proposals now being considered, Texas will be required to close all other migratory bird hunting seasons.

Adoption of TPW's proposals hinges on final approval of federal snow goose regulation changes. A final decision is expected sometime this month.

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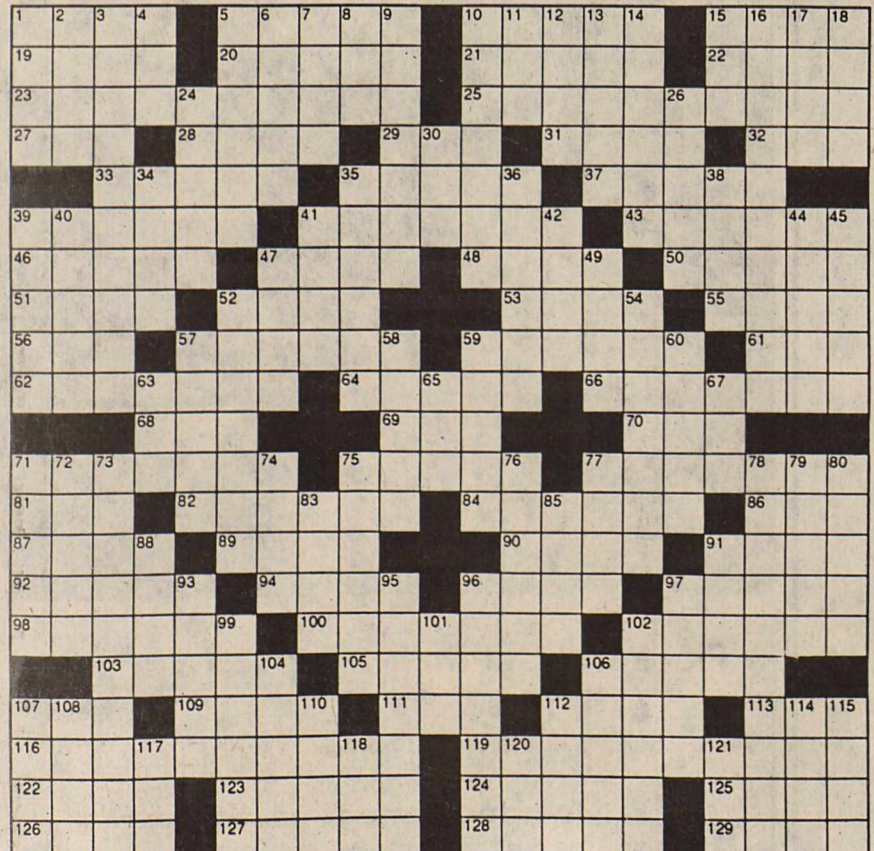
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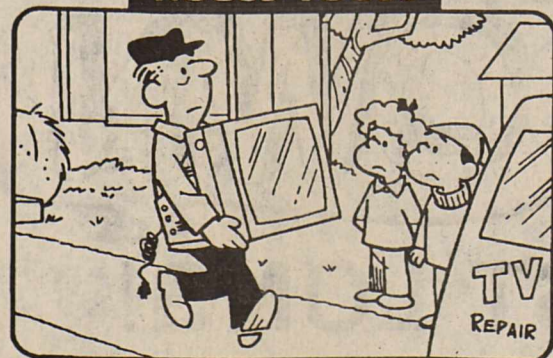
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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A business matter may be more complicated than you realize. You're in a reflective mood this week, but should guard against worry and too much introspection.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Try not to be heavy-handed with family now. In business, others are likely to play their cards close to the chest. A travel plan needs further thought.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A cash-flow problem may dampen your enthusiasm for socializing this week. It may be a game of one-upmanship with someone you recently met. Accent practicality in business.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Someone who acts in poor taste may upset your sensibilities this week. Try not to sell yourself short in your job interests. Delays experienced over the weekend are only temporary.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Don't shut yourself off from a close tie. Resolve issues between friends or family members amicably. Some face extra responsibilities in connection with the home this weekend.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Extra expenses may arise in connection with children this week. You may be at a stalemate regarding a financial issue. Socializing may be low on your priority list during the weekend.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You may find yourself involved in a conversation with an opinionated person early in the week. Work delays may dampen your spirits somewhat, so try to remain patient and upbeat.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Try not to let career concerns become an issue between



you and a loved one. Others make demands on your time, so your own priorities may be on hold for the time being.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You may have to say no to someone's request for financial assistance. Friends seem wrapped up in their own problems and may not be good company over the weekend.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You could overreact now to someone's criticisms, but it's not the end of the world if everyone doesn't agree with you. Try to remain positive in outlook now.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Things may not happen as fast as you'd like where business interests are concerned this week. Try not to feel unappreciated. Be cooperative with close ties for weekend socializing.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be wary of those who would take advantage in financial matters. A friend may burden you with his or her problems. Socializing is iffy this week.

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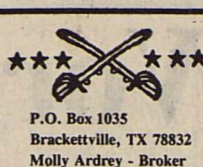
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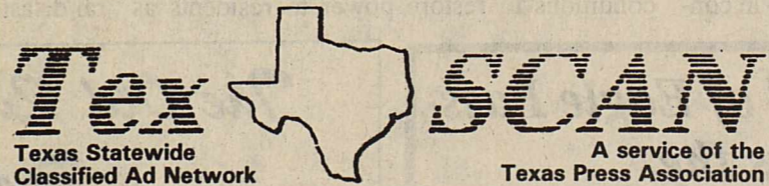
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