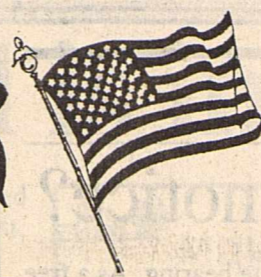


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Water samples come back free of bacteria

Five water samples taken last week by the city of Brackettville came back free of bacteria, according to Utilities Superintendent David Martinez.

"We took five samples last Wednesday and they all came back positive," Martinez said on Monday.

The samples were taken from the Gum residence on E. Spring, Rory's Video Review on Military and Gove, the Church of Christ on N. Ann, the Vela residence on W. Spring, and the R.E.A. on W. Military.

Fort Clark officials OK security contract

The Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors approved a three-year contract with Smith Security at Saturday's regular meeting.

The directors also approved the recommendations of the planning committee for further study.

The recommendations include development of the old R.V. park, the new R.V. park, and the old temporary dump site.

The board approved the first reading of an amendment to the rules and regulations dealing with Rendezvous Park.

In other action, the directors approved a proposal for road work in Unit 27, an insurance agreement for the upcoming year, and an agreement with the city of Brackettville for fire protection.

ACS provides services

The American Cancer Society can provide cancer patients with much needed services. One of these services is equipment loans.

Any cancer patient needing equipment, such as a hospital bed, wheelchair, commode seat, shower seat, walker or quad cane, can call the Laredo office and make a request.

If the cancer patient has insurance or assistance from the government, the American Cancer Society will file the claims forms and pay any deductibles not covered. If the patient does not have funding of any sort, the American Cancer Society will still help at no cost to the patient or their families.

Once the patient is no longer in need of the equipment, one call to the American Cancer Society will get it picked up. These services are provided through the support and help of American Home-patient, a medical equipment provider.

Senne appointed judge



HERB SENNE

Herb Senne was appointed interim county judge Monday, and will serve during the suspension of Tommy Seargeant, who was indicted last month on charges surrounding the theft of highway guard rails.

Senne, 55, was appointed by a 4-0 vote by the commissioners court at a special meeting. He is a part-time rancher and retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, a division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"I look forward to working with the commissioners court and for the residents of Kinney County," Senne said.

"I will be the first to say that I haven't had any experience along these lines, but I would say in the same note that I learn fairly fast and I look forward to working in this temporary job."

Senne will serve the 16 months remaining on Seargeant's term or until the suspension is lifted.

"I believe he will do a good job," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Freddie Frerich, who made the motion to appoint Senne.

"I've known him for a long time. Everything he has done he has succeeded at. I believe he can step right in and help us out during this time.

"We had a lot of other qualified people, but we had to choose one. I believe we made a good choice," Frerich added.

Seargeant was suspended with pay by the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct after he and Precinct 2 Commissioner Joe Montalvo were charged with theft and abuse of official capacity.

"I believe that Judge Seargeant will be back," Precinct 4 Commissioner Paul O'Rourke said prior to Senne's appointment Monday. "If it wasn't for the poor health of the justice of the peace (Alvin Hall), I wouldn't be in favor of naming an acting judge."

Precinct 3 Commissioner Joe Williams said, "Everybody turned in good applications. There are a lot of qualified people here, but we have to make a decision. It's a hard decision."

Pretrial hearing set for Sept. 17

Two Kinney County officials plead not guilty to charges of theft and abuse of official capacity Wednesday after being arraigned in district court.

County Judge Tommy Seargeant and Commissioner Joe Montalvo were both indicted last month on charges surrounding the theft of highway guard rails.

Seargeant is being represented by Robert T. Bass of Austin and Uvalde's Rogelio F. Munoz is representing Montalvo.

District Judge George M. Thurmond set a pretrial hearing for 1 p.m. on Sept. 17. All pretrial motions must be filed by Sept. 5.

"I would like to get the trial set in the month of October," Thurmond said.

Seargeant and Montalvo face three different counts in the indictments. The third count was quashed Wednesday because it said the alleged incident occurred in September of 1997, rather than in 1996.

The indictment will be returned to the grand jury prior to the pretrial hearing.

"The grand jury will have an opportunity to look at it again," District Attorney Thomas F. Lee said. "If they feel it's appropriate that matter be reindicted, we'll have an opportunity to correct any mistakes in the indictment so that we have a proper charging instrument come out of the grand jury."

Mayor says cutting gas rates could effect senior citizens in the future

Cutting the city's gas rates would have a harsh effect on Brackettville's senior citizens in the longrun, Mayor Carmen Berlanga said at last week's public hearing on the proposed city budget.

In July, city officials approved a three-year contract with West Texas Gas of Midland that will save the city about 30

percent on gas purchases.

The contract is for a fixed price of \$2.89 per one million British Thermal Units (BTUs). Over the last year, the city had been paying an average rate of \$4.12. In May, the city's rate was \$4.81.

Guidry told the council at the public hearing that the savings needed to be past on to the cus-

tomers.

"I brought up this issue during the budget workshop, but some were concerned about a possible rate increase when the contract expires in three years, adding that citizens would rather see no increases now than a substantial increase in the future," Guidry said.

"Prices often fluctuate. When

costs go down, most businesses pass on the savings to their customers. There is no reason why the city government should increase its profits through this savings," he added.

Berlanga said cutting the rates would only benefit customers in the winter.

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Counties fear city water sponges

By Chuck Dent
Special to The Brackett News

Worried that San Antonio and other cities might look at Val Verde and Kinney counties for water to feed their sprawling growth has leaders here circling the wagons to head off what one official described as "a giant sucking sound from our springs leaving."

Val Verde County commissioners last week unanimously authorized the county to establish a water resource planning group. The Del Rio City Council approved its version of the group at its July 22 meeting.

And 30 miles to the east at Brackettville,

there is a concern that larger cities might "be coming this way" in their hunt for more water.

These and other officials are moving to implement the new statewide water legislation passed earlier this year as Senate Bill 1 that requires local units of government to develop water management plans if they are to have any say over the precious resource locally.

Val Verde Commissioner Gary Leonard worries that the county's water source, the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer, might be targeted by larger cities.

"There is much talk about selling of water resources with what they call interbasin transfers," Leonard said as he

urged authorization of the planning group.

"Right now we have no protection as a region. Right now if an individual wants to sell them (other cities) water rights, it might endanger our water supply. This gives us a first step in establishing a regional plan for taking care of that problem," he said of the regional planning group.

City Councilman Lee Weathersbee sees a planning group as a long-range advantage for Del Rio, which gets its water from the aquifer-fed San Felipe Springs.

"The Texas Water Development Board map indicates our springs are tied into the aquifer, and it is a small aquifer between Val Verde and Kinney counties,"

Weathersbee said.

"We feel like if a city the size of San Antonio or Laredo came in and bought the water rights and started pumping the water, it would actually influence the flow of our springs. You might hear a giant sucking sound from our springs leaving."

He went on to say larger cities are not the only ones eyeing water from this area.

"Eagle Pass was up here talking to (former City Manager) Flo Saucedo about sinking a well at our springs," Weathersbee said in an interview.

Earlier this year, Del Rio made it a priority to find an alternative supply of water independent of the springs.

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Evans named honorary advisory director at DRNB

Special to The Brackett News

F.H. "Tuffy" Whitehead, chair of the Del Rio National Bank board, is proud to announce the appointment of Sterling C. Evans, owner of U-Bar Ranch in Brackettville, as an honorary advisory director.

Evans' life has been characterized by a succession of rich and rewarding accomplishments.

His career has encompassed coaching Texas high school boys in livestock judging, serving as the innovative president of a newly organized Houston Bank for Cooperatives, rehabilitating the national farm loan association in Texas during his tenure as president of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, and developing interests in farming, ranching and land speculations.

Evans, Class of '21, has demonstrated an abiding love and devotion to the institution of his youth, Texas A&M College.

During his service on its Board of Directors, A&M became Texas A&M University, an institution of eminence, respect and strength.

In 1979, the library of Texas A&M University was named The Sterling C. Evans Library in honor of one of its major benefactors.

He was recently awarded the Fred Earwood Memorial Award at the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers annual convention in Kerrville.

At age of 98 years, he is still very much active in his personal ranching and business affairs as well as being very involved with new projects for Texas A&M University.

Other Texas Aggie directors serving on the board include Vidal Gonzalez, '72; D.A. Herrington, '50; Amy Whitehead Perry, '89; Jim Perry, '88; Clay Whitehead Sewalt, '86; Jerry Simpton, '64; John Weston, '77; and David Winters, '64.



The Brackettville Lion's Club hosted a luncheon for the BISD staff last Thursday on their "before school workday." The school staff got a break from their busy workday when they came to the cafeteria and were treated to homemade sandwiches, salads and desserts. Thanks to the BISD cafeteria staff for their assistance with this project. This annual event is just one of a number of projects the Lion's provide to benefit the BISD. It is hard to tell who enjoys it more; the BISD staff or the Lions.

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Hospital hosts course for mature drivers

Val Verde Regional Medical Center and The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will present "55 Alive/Mature Driving."

The driver improvement course is for drivers age 50 and older and will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 2, and Wednesday, Sept. 3, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room at the hospital.

Texas law requires insurance carriers to offer a discount on premiums for this approved course.

Cost of the course is \$8 and 8 hours of attendance is required for certification.

The call is limited to the first 25 students on a first come, first served basis.

If the class is full, you may be signed up for the next class scheduled for October.

For additional information or to register for the class, call Dick Koch at 775-7668.

Editorials

Did you read the notice?

On Oct. 15, 1996, the Brackettville City Council voted 3-1 to name the Del Rio News-Herald the official newspaper of Brackettville.

City Council members Mary Flores, Felix Gonzales and Ralph Gonzalez voted for the measure. Tencha Pena opposed.

By taking this action, the City Council agreed to publish all of the city's public notices in the Del Rio News-Herald.

On Saturday, Aug. 16, the Del Rio News-Herald published a public notice announcing the city's

annual tax rate hearing. As a free public service to the citizens of Brackettville, The Brackett News is publishing the public notice in its entirety:

Public Notice
Tax Rate Hearing

The city of Brackettville will hold a public hearing for the 1997 effective tax rate on Friday, Aug. 22, 1997, at City Hall, Matias Sandoval Meeting Room, 119 West Spring Street, Brackettville, Texas, at 5:30 p.m.

David G. Luna
City Secretary

Hats off to county officials

In the absence of County Judge Tommy Seargeant, who was suspended by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, Kinney County officials have not missed a beat.

Without the judge at the courthouse running the daily operation of the county, members of the commissioners court have taken time from their business schedules to sign purchase orders, make decisions and keep everything running smoothly.

The county's employees have also continued to work hard for the citizens of this community.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Freddie Frerich stepped into role of presiding officer at the commissioners court meetings and helped guide the court in its deci-

sion-making process. He showed great leadership abilities while assuming this position.

The commissioners had a tough task at hand when they were forced to appoint a temporary county judge. No matter who was selected, it was obviously impossible to please everyone.

Going through the resumes of some very qualified applicants, the court unanimously appointed Herb Senne as the interim judge.

Just minutes after taking the oath of office, Senne assumed the responsibility of the position and went to work for the county like a seasoned veteran.

All of the county officials should be commended for their efforts during this unusual time in Kinney County.

Educating kids, not bureaucrats

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman, District 23

It's that time of year again. Neighborhood pools are quiet. Soon, school bells will ring again and the hustle of a new school year will begin.

As their children strap on the backpacks and say good-bye to summer, many parents are once again evaluating the education that their children are receiving. Every parent expects that their child should get the best education possible. And they should.

The debate over education is not new to this nation. Foremost in that debate is the federal government's role in educating our children. You may be wondering exactly how a federal Department of Education helps your kids.

Unfortunately, the Department of Education is chock full of examples of ways to waste your tax money. One prime example of this: the department has used your tax dollars to pay for more than 21,000 studies since 1980.

Have you read the three studies on "Cement: The Concrete Experience?"

Or how about the 140 studies

on check lists or the 82 studies on calculators?

It's doubtful that you've seen any of these publications. These are just a few examples of the absurd waste of your money.

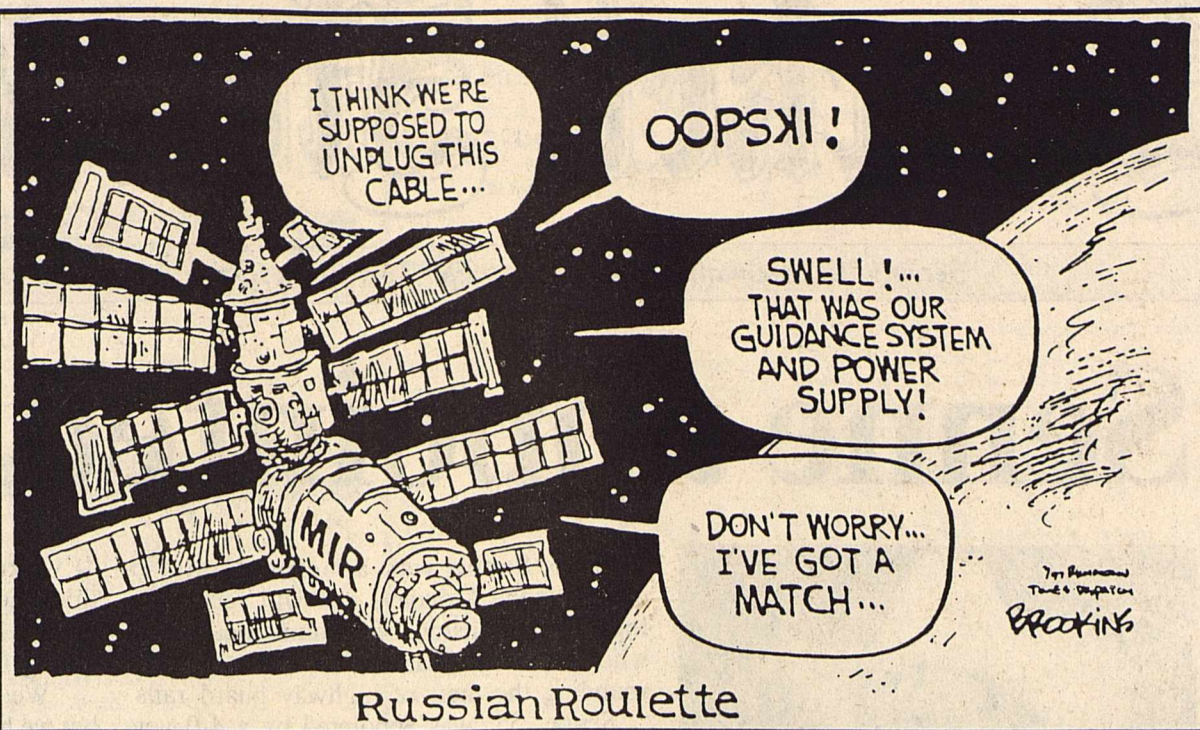
Of the approximately \$15.4 billion the federal government spends annually on elementary and secondary education programs, more than a third, about \$5.4 billion, never even reaches your child's classroom.

That's unacceptable to Texans. Still, some folks in Washington think that a federal bureaucrat knows how best to educate your kids.

If parents don't take charge, the federal government will, and education will be about more bureaucratic studies, not our kids' achievements.

This Congress is working to send power and control over education back to parents and local teachers where it belongs.

Over the past few years, we have cut over 70 wasteful, unneeded education programs. Now, instead of feeding an already bloated bureaucracy, we're working to give parents, teachers and children what they need to get the education job done right.



Fantasies of area newcomers tend to have a short lifespan

The graveyard of history is dotted with graves of ideas and fantasies of newcomers to Brackettville.

When I was in business, a lady came in one day and said she wanted a blue spruce tree. I told her I didn't have one. She asked if I could get her one. I told her I could, but would not.

She became quite upset. She'd had some in her yard in Colorado and wanted some here.

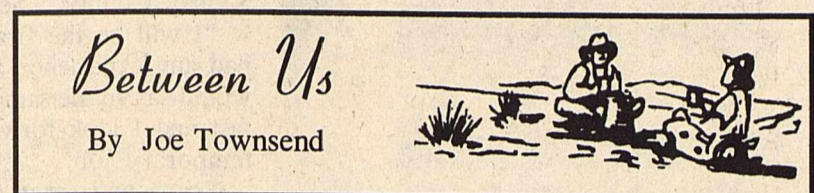
I told her I wouldn't get one because it would not grow here, and when it died she would blame me.

She recently got a nursery in Del Rio to get her two blue spruce trees. Sure enough, in less than two years, they were dead.

A man came to Brackettville a few months ago. He immediately came forth with things he felt he knew more about than anyone else.

There was a vacancy on the City Council. The problem was that he had to live in town for six months before he could serve.

No problem. The council just postponed the appointment for five months so this man could be



appointed rather than either of the two applicants who have been here all their lives.

Since he is a computer hack, he determined that if he could get expanded local calling to include Del Rio, it would save him money, so he has tried to enlist people in this idea.

He wrote a very caustic letter to me questioning my writing and "requested" that I reveal my sources and furnish him "documentation."

I lost my cool and answered his letter in fitting fashion.

He is still pushing the idea of forcing every private telephone to pay an extra \$3.50 per month and every business phone up to \$7 per month.

If every person would check his telephone bill, by far most people will find they do not pay anything like \$3.50 a month for calls to Del Rio and Uvalde.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know that Southwestern Bell will make far more money under the new plan than they make now. They are business operators enough that they will not accept any plan that reduces revenues.

The small cost of calls to Del Rio and/or Uvalde are anything but exorbitant.

I wonder by what legal authority this man can use the computer in the city secretary's office?

I, personally, resent someone wanting to force me to pay more for the use of a telephone in my home and another in my office to benefit a computer hack.

By the way, I think it is fantastic that the City Council has executed a contract reducing the cost of natural gas considerably. I'm sure the council will have integrity enough to pass this savings on to gas customers.

Fort Clark member asks for resignations of board members

The following is a prepared statement released by Art Baker at Saturday's Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors meeting:

Many disturbing actions, activities, and conditions involving the Board of Directors have come to light, some of which I will address today, and I say some!

You asked to be elected as directors of the Fort Clark Springs Association and for the responsibilities that go with that office. You swore to represent the association and it's membership in good faith.

At the last board meeting, I told you I had heard the board was not interested in hiring a general manager; the association was saving \$30,000.00 a year!

Mona Miller was the person who told me this in the courtyard of this building on June 5, 1997, and that she had five applications for general manager, but she had just filed them away.

Right, Mona? After the last board meeting, Ben Pingent told me that the board did not have time to think about hiring a general manager; they were too busy undoing all that Bill Haenn had done.

Right, Ben? This indicates the board is not interested in hiring a qualified general manager, but in fact, gives credence to the idea that the board has a fantasy of managing the association themselves.

I told the board at the last board meeting that the management of the association was slipping. Today, the association is in the bottom of the well!

The tactics used in firing Bill Haenn were very arrogant, mean-spirited, and the most insidious I have ever heard of occurring in a public corporation.

The same applies to the firing of Bob Slate, our golf course manager.

Now, the association has no integrity, honor, or credibility in the entire surrounding area business community. We're reduced to laughing stock!

Closing down the golf course - a money making, and successful golf course - was not an intelligent management decision! There was no consultation with the golf club manager or any other knowledgeable person.

Then, you had the unmitigated gall to blame your decision on M.U.D.

There has been a resolution passed by this board that authorizes any member of the board to question any employee of the association for the purpose of gathering information regarding anything or anyone.

This absolutely undermines any manager's authority to carry out his/her duties! This is against all decent business practices. It undermines moral.

The president or any other member of the board, individually, has no authority to give orders to any employee! They are legally liable for any action!

Can any qualified manager ever work under such conditions? No!

Fort Clark Springs has been a professional organization in the past; however, it has become an unethical, and ineffective organization within the last three months. Today, it must revert to a professional organization.

There has been a cheap, tawdry, personal vendetta against some employees, some of which are outstanding members. This must stop today!

The association is chartered under the laws of the State of Texas, and must operate accord-

ing to these laws, and the bylaws of the association.

We are a public corporation and all board of director meetings must be open to all members. Discussions regarding personnel affairs are exempt. The minutes of these meetings, however, are not exempt from examination by the members.

The bylaws of the Fort Clark Springs Association are recorded in book A-43, starting on page 615 of the deed records of Kinney County, Texas.

Part 5, Paragraph 6 of the bylaws state: "The Board of Directors shall keep written records of all proceedings, and they shall be made available for inspection by any member of the Association, or their agent."

Immediately after adjournment of this meeting, I want to see all minutes of every board meeting of this association, from Jan. 1, 1994, through today! Genell Hobbs, that includes all secret executive meetings.

Now, I ask the resignation of every member of the Board of Directors of the Fort Clark Springs Association, immediately today, because of malfeasance and dereliction of duties, and the underhandedness of your actions.

You, at the very least, are given benefit of a reason, a consideration not given Mr. Haenn or Mr. Slate.

Should the members of the Board of Directors not resign, as requested, the association members will exercise their rights, as found in the bylaws of the association, and also under the laws of the state of Texas that protect members and/or stock holders of a corporation.

Genell Hobbs, if you do not stop the above mentioned vendetta today, you will be gone with the Board of Directors!



OSHA should research before it regulates

As hand surgeon Dr. Morton Kasdan has pointed out, treatment before diagnosis is bad medicine, whether dispensed by a doctor in the form of drugs or the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in the form of regulations.

OSHA has been studying the matter of ergonomics since the early 1990s. Ergonomics is the science of adapting work or working conditions to the physical requirements of the workers. Ergonomic injuries include repetitive strains and conditions such as carpal tunnel syndrome.

According to OSHA, ergonomic injuries account for 60 percent of workplace illnesses and \$20 billion in workers' compensation claims. But the Bureau of Labor Statistics tells a different story: It reports that ergonomic injuries account for only 7 percent of total workplace injuries. The National Safety Council puts that figure at 4 percent.

Few would argue that repetitive motion injuries are real. There are questions, however, about whether these injuries are caused exclusively by factors in the workplace. Scientists and physicians do not agree on how much exposure to risk factors actually causes problems (or even which workplace risk factors cause problems).

The question is this: Why is it that two people can perform the exact same work activity, and one ends up with carpal tunnel syndrome and the other doesn't?

Could not some of these kinds of injuries be the result of factors other than workplace conditions, such as diet, age, heredity or non-work activities?

In addition, neither medicine nor science has been able to determine how to prevent such ailments.

Indeed, a number of "ergonomically correct" devices and equipment have been found to make the problem worse for some people.

Despite the lack of scientific consensus, OSHA has been moving forward with a plan to create and impose ergonomics standards on virtually every workplace in the United States, be it factory, farm or office.

Two years ago, OSHA issued its first draft of these standards; the document is 600 pages long and four inches thick. It continues to grow.

Complying with this proposed new set of regulations would be paperwork intensive and cost billions of dollars - with no guarantee workplace safety and health would be improved one iota.

Before we impose another huge, expensive regulatory burden on the American workplace, it would be a good idea to insist that we know much more about the nature and cause of these injuries.

Without understanding the circumstances that cause one worker to experience pain and another worker to flourish, government mandates may well turn out to do more harm than good.

In July, Congress stepped in to slow OSHA's forward rush toward premature regulation. Appropriations bills enacted by both the House and Senate prohibit OSHA from imposing any final, mandatory ergonomic standard before Sept. 30, 1998, as well as prevent OSHA from spending any of its FY1998 budget to enforce voluntary ergonomic guidelines.

Meanwhile, I'd like to see the pace of medical research in this area accelerated. And where we can identify a specific remedy for a specific injury, by all means we should move ahead. But right now, we just don't know enough to impose a "one-size-fits-all" set of rules and standards for every industry in the entire country.

Big Mama Sez!

The one reason some people get lost in thought is because it's unfamiliar territory.

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VVRMC announces schedule of classes

Val Verde Regional Medical Center's Education Department has announced the schedule of fall classes that will begin in early September.

Diabetes education classes will be presented by the hospital on Tuesdays, beginning at 4 p.m. in Spanish, and on Thursday, beginning at 4 p.m. in English.

Val Verde Regional Medical Center and the Amistad Family Violence and Rape Crisis Center will offer classes on child abuse, family violence, teens and date rape, and sexual harassment.

For additional information, please contact Anne Boone at 775-8566, extension 332.

Autopsy results indicate local infant was stillborn

Autopsy results indicate that a dead infant found in Kinney County earlier this month was stillborn, Sheriff's Department officials said.

A 20-year-old Brackettville woman gave birth to the stillborn baby at her residence on Aug. 5. Not knowing what to do, she did not tell anyone, officials said.

The infant was found the following day by another resident of the home and the Sheriff's Department was notified.

"The resident of the home indicated to us that she found the

baby under the bed in a red tote bag," Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said.

"The Medical Examiner's Office in Bexar County called me Monday evening and told me that they were through with their tests, and their tests indicate that the baby was stillborn.

"It's going to be up to the justice of the peace (Alvin Hall) to rule on the cause of death," Burgess said. "It will be up to District Attorney Tom Lee to determine whether there will be charges filed."

School is in full swing

We're back! School has started again. It has been one of the best, smoothest starts ever.

Things are just going well. I'm not quite optimistic enough to think that it will remain this way forever, but we're going to enjoy the success while it lasts. Thanks for your support this past week.

Sunday, I heard a minister speak about kids going back to school.

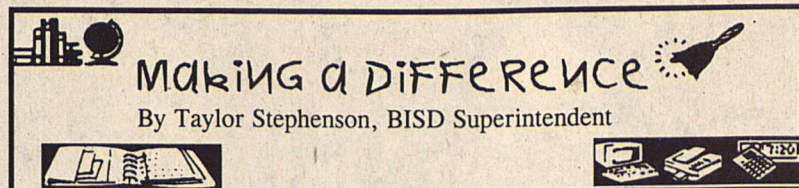
The talk was about the kids need for a peaceful year, their need to be filled with curiosity, and kids need to find friends and mentors.

It was a good way of issuing a challenge to all of us adults who try to make sure the right things happen in schools. Peace, curiosity, friends and mentors.

So far, we're doing well in most every department. Extra curricular activities and their sponsors, teachers and coaches are working to be No. 1.

There's a new spirit among the Tigers. It's one that I believe will carry us to the front of the pack in interschool competition this year.

We have a strong teaching



staff. Brackettville has always had a fine school system. We want to be the best!

The way we will get there is by realizing that kids come to school to learn and it's our job to teach them.

Teaching and learning is a partnership between school and the homes. Everyday, we should try to find ways to work together to make BISD a better school. It has to be a team approach if it's to work.

Take a look at projects like the elementary school playground. The parents raised some money, the school board agreed to underwrite the project, then all worked together to create one of the best playgrounds that I have seen. We're not through yet. But, we have begun.

Or, how about our alternative school?

We have one of the best facilities and programs in this part of

Texas. We're getting the job done here. It's because we all have cooperated as we sought to give the kids of Brackettville our best.

Public schools need parental involvement. We need and have the support of our business community. This unwritten contract calls for the school system to do its best as we work together to make this school the best in Texas.

That's about it. We had a great school board meeting Monday night. The Board adopted the budget for the next school year.

The School Board is working hard to insure that they provide the support and leadership needed to mold this district into the best school in Texas.

In Brackettville, we have something to be proud of. Let's stay positive as we work together to educate the children of Kinney County.

Have a great week!

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, August 4 9:51 p.m., A Super S employee reported kids throwing water balloons at passing cars.

Tuesday, August 5 1:40 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that her checkbook was stolen out of her purse, which was in her parked car outside of the First State Bank. The vehicle was unlocked.

Wednesday, August 6 11:30 a.m., A Brackettville man reported a lost purse, last seen at the car wash.

12:10 p.m., Deputy Sheriff Adrian Pena was dispatched to the ITS Security railroad station to meet with Border Patrol officials, who found illegal aliens on a box car who damaged a green four-door Volkswagen Jetta. Coclas Medina Zuniga, 26, was charged with criminal mischief. He was transported to Brackettville and booked into the Kinney County Jail.

Friday, August 8 11:10 p.m., A Brackettville man reported loud music on East Veltman Street.

Saturday, August 9 2:32 p.m., A local business

reported receiving obscene phone calls.

6:05 p.m., An unknown caller said that kids were climbing over the fence at the county pool and were throwing things into the pool.

Sunday, August 10 3:51 p.m., Deputy Pena was dispatched to Highway 90 East in reference to a rollover. Border Patrol officials were at the scene when Pena arrived. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar and Kinney County EMS officials also arrived at the scene. The driver of the vehicle was transported to the Uvalde Memorial Hospital. "It appeared the driver lost control of his vehicle, as a result tried to correct his driving and rolled his vehicle over one time, resting upside down," Pena said in his report.

Monday, August 11 6:20 p.m., A man reported that his hunting camp, located 12 miles west of Brackettville, had been broken into.

9:10 p.m., Raymundo Garza, 47, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Art Trevino for

public intoxication. He was released the next day for time served.

Friday, August 15 12:40 p.m., A Brackettville man reported a stolen television. Two minutes after receiving the report, officials were notified that the man was fighting with another man who he believed stole the television.

Saturday, August 16 8:15 a.m., A Municipal Utility District employee reported damage to a locked chain-link fence gate at the new sewer plant.

Sunday, August 17 7:28 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported hollering and screaming coming from somewhere in the projects.

1:00 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that his mobile telephone had been stolen out of his vehicle, which was parked at Super S. The vehicle was unlocked.

Monday, August 18 12:25 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that his ex-girlfriend had stolen his 1988 Isuzu Trooper. He later reported that the woman was at his residence with the vehicle.

Community Calendar

Thursday, August 21 12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

6:30 p.m., The Brackettville Lions Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

Monday, August 25 6:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Springs VFW meets at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, August 26 7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Thursday, August 28 12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

Monday, September 1 1:00 p.m., The Fort Springs Art Club meets at the Art Studio.

6:15 p.m., The Fort Clark Springs Old Quarry Society meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, September 2 7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Wednesday, September 3 7:30 p.m., The Brackett Band Booster Club meets at the Band Hall.

Thursday, September 4 12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

6:30 p.m., The Brackettville Lions Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

Sunday, September 7 12:00 p.m., The Knights of Columbus meet at Parish Hall.

Monday, September 8 9:00 a.m., The Kinney County Commissioners Court meets at the County Courthouse on Ann Street.

5:30 p.m., The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees meets in regular session.

Tuesday, September 9 6:00 p.m., The Brackettville City Council meets at City Hall on West Spring Street.

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

7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Thursday, September 11 9:30 a.m., The Mountain Laurel Garden Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

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Tulisha Wardlaw, left, is welcomed to last week's Rotary Club meeting by Bill Haenn. Photo by Eric McMaster

Alamo Village seeks tourism

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Tulisha Wardlaw brought Rotary Club members up to date on the plans and activities going on at Alamo Village at last week's meeting.

Wardlaw was introduced by Vice President Bill Haenn, who presiding over the meeting during the absence of President John Ford, who was out of town.

Wardlaw began her talk by commenting that she had spoken to Rotary two years ago and at that time she had no idea what a different position she would be in today.

After the death of her father, Happy Shahan, she had gone into the office to write thank you notes and she said she "has been there ever since."

Only now does she realize how much her father accomplished each day. She remarked that she's often wished he could come back for just one day so that she could ask him the many questions that have come to mind.

Eighteen months have passed since Happy's passing, and Wardlaw feels good about what has been accomplished. Wardlaw credited her mother, Virginia Shahan, with having a tremendous amount of energy, so much of this is her doing.

Wardlaw says the Village has a lot of new things coming in that she and her mother have started themselves.

Movie deals, advertising and special events are Wardlaw's domain. She said that when Bill Haenn was manager of Fort Clark Springs, the Village and the Fort had begun cooperating on advertising. This has been a boon to each since advertising is expensive.

Lately, the concept of the South Texas Bad Lands, which includes Brackettville, Del Rio, Eagle Pass and Uvalde, has been a theme which involves cooperation between the four counties.

This was instigated about five or six years ago but was not continued actively. Now, it is being used much more in order to save advertising money.

A present goal is to get the tours to come here. The Big Bend area is a big attraction to tourists and can be reached easily by using Highway 90.

One way of getting the message out is to attend tourism shows. Twelve different shows will be attended, each by a couple from the Chamber of Commerces of the involved towns and from Fort Clark Springs and Alamo Village.

Wardlaw is scheduled with a partner to attend one in Dallas in February that will probably have 25,000 people coming through. They will be representing Southwest Texas Badlands.

A couple from Uvalde will attend a show in Houston, which is also expected to bring 25,000.

Tours won't come unless they know what you have, Wardlaw said. Advertising pays for itself in the end.

As far as attracting movies to Alamo Village, Wardlaw said she and her mother learned a lot about "what not to do" with the next movie people.

The people that filmed "Once Upon a Time in China in America, VI" were easy to work with, and they spent \$4 million in the state of Texas. However, they left owing \$300,000, some of which has been recovered.

The movie crew also was very casual about damaging property, and it ended up costing Alamo Village to have them there.

Wardlaw says she really loves promotional work and loves working with the movie representatives. She mentioned that a man from Disney Studios was here last week and that he was amazed at everything available at the Village and Fort Clark. He was looking for a setting unlike the one here, but he now knows about what is available.

The special events coming will include Alamo Village's 37th Annual Labor Day Celebration. Horses will run down Front Street and barbecue will be served as usual.

The entertainment will include music all day by Heath Childs and the Wild Ride, a band made up of Brackettville musicians.

There are many special events, more than can be listed here, but one act is Dean Smith, a Hollywood stunt man who appeared in "The Alamo." He has a wonderful act with his horse, according to Wardlaw.

A top notch performer from Mexico will perform rope tricks. Two reenactments of actual shoot-outs that occurred in Kinney County will be staged by the Company D Texas Rangers Re-enactors. Their act is historically accurate and is sanctioned by the Texas Rangers.

If you have a horse and would like to race, you may contact Alamo Village. Wardlaw also said anyone who likes to bake cherry pies, bring a sample with you. You'll get in the gate free and enter the contest for a chance to win a \$25 prize.

Wardlaw covered many other scheduled events which will be given at Alamo Village.

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Pete's Sake Russian ballerina Mezentseva to perform in October at Eagle Pass

What's in a name?
Government spies seem to be growing thicker all the time, for all governments have apparently got into the act.

A certain foreign embassy in Dublin, Ireland, which has a reputation for being involved in undercover work, dispatched an agent to a County Kerry town with instructions to make contact with the local agent, whose name was Brosnan.

On meeting him, the agent was to utter the secret passwords: "The grass is green and the cows are brown," and wait for the correct response before getting down to business.

The agent rushed off to the Kerry town disguised as a tourist. There, he met a local man on the street.

"I am looking for a man called Brosnan," he said.

"And which Brosnan would that be?" the local asked. "This town is full of Brosnans. There's Brosnan the grocer and Brosnan the draper. Sure, me own name is Brosnan, it is."

The agent was nonpulsed at such a reply, but decided he would have to start somewhere if he was to complete his mission. So, in a low voice, he whispered: "the grass is green and the cows are brown."

"Oh" said the local, "tis Brosnan the SPY you be looking for!"

Special to The Brackett News
Galina Mezentseva, one of Russia's most beloved ballerinas, will perform with the St. Petersburg Ballet Company of Russia on Saturday, Oct. 18, at Eagle Pass Junior High's Auditorium.

Presented by the Arts Council of Eagle Pass, Mezentseva and the Russian ballet company will be stopping in the border city as part of a nationwide tour that will only include one other Texas city.

Mezentseva became a principal dancer in 1980 and continued to tour internationally to great acclaim throughout the decade. In 1990, she was named principal ballerina with the Scottish Ballet and toured with that company through the U.K., Japan, Canada and the former Soviet Union.

The prima ballerina was born in the Volga region of Russia and, at the age of nine, entered the revered Vaganova Ballet Academy in St. Petersburg as an exceptional talent.

In her ninth year of training, she was one of the few selected to enroll in the Academy's "Classe de Perfection," from which she graduated with the highest honors in 1971.

Upon graduation, Galina moved directly into the principal ballerina position with the prestigious Kirov Ballet com-

pany in St. Petersburg. There she quickly became one of the brightest stars of the Kirov where her outstanding talent has been recognized by many awards.

As a prima ballerina of the Kirov ballet, Galina toured throughout the world and appeared on the stages of the Paris Opera, La Scala in Metropolitan Opera House in New York, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the Sydney Opera House in Australia and the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow among many others.

The St. Petersburg Ballet performance is the first of several programs to be offered by the ACEP.

Among the other events to be seen in the coming year are performances by the Dallas Children's Theater, a one-woman show starring Ruby Nelda Perez and a sequel to the dinner theater production "Greater Tuna," "A Tuna Christmas."

Tickets for the ballet will be on sale soon at the Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 773-8570.

This performance by the St. Petersburg Ballet is made possible by a grant by the Ewing Halsell Foundation and the City of Eagle Pass Room Tax Committee.

But, I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

An outstanding exhibition of family values

I was driving to school one afternoon when I saw two young kids walking along the side of the street.

One was a boy, whose age I guessed to be about 8 or maybe 9. The other was a slightly younger girl, obviously his sister.

I say obviously because the young lad was holding the young girl's hand. He was doing a man-sized job of protecting her from approaching cars.

He made me feel proud. He was exhibiting manners and good training from home. His parents would have been proud.

Just when I thought all hope was lost, I see an outstanding exhibition of family values. Those values that don't seem to be taught anymore.

Now, suddenly there it was, right in plain view, for all the world to see!

I was so touched in fact, that I stopped to tell the young man how much I appreciated his devotion to his young sister.

"Sister? What's the matter with you man! This ain't my sister. This is my girlfriend!"

I was wrong.

OUTDOORS

New law helps with criminal trespass

Another new law passed by the Texas Legislature this past term deals with criminal trespass.

In order to file criminal trespass charges on someone, notice that entry on property is forbidden must first be given.

In the past, notice is defined as:

1. oral or written communications by the property owner or someone with apparent authority to act for the owner.
2. fencing or other enclosure obviously designed to exclude intruders or to contain livestock.
3. a sign or signs posted on the property or at the entrance to the building indicating that entry is forbidden.
4. the visible presence on the property of a crop grown for human consumption that is under cultivation, in the process of

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

being harvested, or marketable if harvested at the time of entry.

The new definition of "notice" that was recently added is as follows:

5. allows a land owner to paint purple marks on trees or posts on the property as an alternative method of giving notice that entry is forbidden. Purple marks must be:
 - a. vertical lines at least 8 inches in length and 1 inch wide;
 - b. placed so that the bottom of the mark is at least 3 feet, but not more than 5 feet from the ground and;
 - c. placed at locations that are readily visible and no more than 1000 feet apart.

as subdivisions or along a roadway between the roadway right of way and the property line) or where signs placed on trees or posts are repeatedly stolen or shot up.

If you have a fence around your property or you have crops described above, or you have "No Trespassing" signs up, you have already given "notice" and do not need to go out and paint your trees or posts. This is for those who have no other way of giving notice that someone is about to enter on private property.

This law was originally passed so that the timber companies in East Texas could mark their property to give notice to someone that they are trespassing on forest land, but it should work well for other property owners also.

Tigers scrimmage Eagles

Rokovich says Brackett is ready for live action tonight

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

Brackett football fans will get to see the Tigers in their first live action of the season tonight in a 6:00 scrimmage in Leakey against the Eagles.

"I'm looking forward to it," Tigers coach Roy Rokovich said of the scrimmage. "I'm anxious to see what we can do."

"The kids have worked really hard and it will be good for them to go live against somebody else. We'll see how they react to it."

Brackett is coming off of a 5-5 season, but return a strong group of seniors.

"I think we have a good outlook on the season," Rokovich said. "We have great senior leadership. If we can stay healthy, we'll be OK."

The Tigers return nine offensive and nine defensive starters from last year's ball club.

"We have a lot of experienced players, Rokovich said. "Our kids have worked extremely hard during two-a-days. Their attitudes are outstanding. They are real focused."



Wes Baker (82) and Jorge Rodriguez (7) will share the load at fullback for the Tigers this season. Brackett News File Photo

Schedules

Football

Date	Varsity Opponent	Time
Aug. 21	at Leakey	*6:00
Aug. 29	Rocksprings	*6:00
Sept. 5	at Sabinal	7:30
Sept. 12	D'Hanis	7:30
Sept. 19	at Nueces Canyon	7:30
Sept. 26	Crystal City	7:30
Oct. 3	Cotulla	7:30
Oct. 10	at Center Point	7:30
Oct. 17	Charlotte	7:30
Oct. 24	at Comfort	7:30
Oct. 31	Natalia	7:30
Nov. 7	at Dilley	7:30

* scrimmage

Junior Varsity		
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 4	Del Rio	5:00
Sept. 11	Eagle Pass	6:00
Sept. 18	Nueces Canyon	7:00
Sept. 25	at Crystal City	7:00
Oct. 2	at Nueces Canyon	7:00
Oct. 9	at Uvalde	4:30
Oct. 16	Uvalde	6:00
Oct. 23	at Eagle Pass	6:00
Oct. 30	Rocksprings	5:00
Nov. 6	at Rocksprings	7:00

Junior High		
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 11	at Rocksprings	5:30
Sept. 18	Nueces Canyon	5:00
Sept. 25	at Eagle Pass	6:00
Oct. 2	at Nueces Canyon	5:00
Oct. 9	Black and Gold	5:30
Oct. 23	Eagle Pass	6:00
Oct. 30	at Del Rio	5:30
Nov. 6	La Pryor	5:00

Volleyball

Date	Varsity Opponent	Time
Aug. 22-23	Del Rio tourney	TBA
Aug. 26	at Comstock	6:00
Aug. 29-30	Hondo tourney	TBA
Sept. 2	at Utopia	6:00
Sept. 6	Leakey	12:00
Sept. 13	Utopia tourney	TBA
Sept. 16	at Del Rio	7:30
Sept. 20	Sabinal	1:00
Sept. 23	at Natalia	7:00
Sept. 26	Comstock	5:00
Sept. 30	Dilley	7:00
Oct. 4	Utopia	12:00
Oct. 11	Lytle	2:00
Oct. 14	Natalia	7:00
Oct. 17	Comstock	5:00
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Freshmen		
Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 22-23	Del Rio tourney	TBA
Sept. 13	Eagle P. tourney	TBA
Sept. 16	at Del Rio	5:30
Sept. 20	Sabinal	11:00
Sept. 23	at Natalia	5:00
Sept. 30	Dilley	5:00
Oct. 11	Lytle	12:00
Oct. 14	Natalia	5:00

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Returning on offense for Brackett is quarterback J. Wayne Ballew, fullback Jorge Rodriguez, tailback Demitrous Williams, split end Brian Flores, tight end Jose Gonzalez, tackle Chad Neuman, guards Patrick Munoz and Xavier Toms, and center Nat Terrazas.

Defensively, Toms and Coty Williams return at the ends, Terrazas and Wes Baker are starters at tackle, Ballew, Munoz, Rodriguez and David Honstein are back at the line-backer spots, and Flores returns at corner.

Brotherton takes over volleyball program

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

Dusty Brotherton has taken the reigns as the Tigerettes' head volleyball coach.

"I'm glad to be in Brackettville," Brotherton said. "I have a good bunch of kids here to work with. I'm real fortunate to be here."

Brotherton, who was the athletic director at Comstock, returns seven lettermen from last year's ball club that finished third in district.

"There is a lot of potential," Brotherton said. "We have a long ways to go in a lot of areas, but the kids are working hard, they have good attitudes, and we have a good chance for a successful season."

Returning lettermen include seniors Katy Hagler, Tina Meek and JoLee Jones, and juniors Jennifer Ashabranner, Hilda Aguirre, Patty Lopez and Stephanie Terrazas.

Brotherton's daughter, Lindsey, joins the group of the lettermen returning on the varsity. She was a starter last year at Comstock where she earned first team all-district honors.

Rounding this year's varsity team is senior Crys-

tal Juarez and junior Susie Hernandez. Brotherton said sophomore Michelle Melancon may also contribute on the varsity level.

The Tigerettes will open their season tomorrow at the Third Annual Luby's Cafeteria Volleyball Invitational in Del Rio.

"The competition is going to be excellent," Brotherton said. "It's going to be tough on the girls, but if they can play with these teams, they can play with anybody during the season."

Brackett will open the tournament in pool play against Leakey at 4:45, Del Rio at 5:30, and Comstock at 7:45.

"Del Rio will always be tough," he said. "Leakey and Comstock are both Class A teams, but they are both coming off district championship years and they have most everybody back."

Brotherton said it will be different coaching against Comstock, where he was the head volleyball coach for four years.

"It's going to feel a little strange," he said. "I don't look forward to it, but it's just one of those things."

Saturday's action begins at 9 a.m. with the championship match set for 5:45.

Cross country runners go the distance

By Samantha Perez
Contributing Writer

The team will compete in its first cross country meet in Rocksprings on Sept. 6.

Brackett's first-ever cross country team has run over 250 miles in the last two weeks.

The team consists of eight boys and seven girls who have been preparing with coach Julie Bruce for the many miles ahead.

sophomore Jania Finkenbinder, and freshmen Heather Martin, Queta Garza and April Crumley.

The boys' team consists of senior Lionel Ramos, junior David Honstein, sophomores Jacob Hughes, James Burks, Daniel Hernandez and Robert Sotelo, and freshmen Tony Rubio and Isaac Gutierrez.

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 18 Broadcast
 19 Japan's first capital
 20 Hosp. areas
 21 Ms. Sorkin of TV
 22 Mel Brooks film
 25 Rembrandt's birthplace
 26 People
 27 Ritter/Post sitcom
 29 Winter mo.
 32 Ideologue's suffix
 33 "Spartacus" prop
 35 Be important
 36 Father Merrin's occupation
 39 — Jima
 40 Soap setting?
 41 RN's specialty
 44 Ill will
 45 Symbol of wisdom
 47 Prima — (self-evident)
 48 Stadium shout
 49 Word-game piece
 50 Dessert choice
 54 Portend
 55 Onassis' nickname
 56 Shipbuilding need
 57 "Oliver Twist" villain
 58 Fossey's friends
 59 Author Deighton
 60 Related
 61 Warm and sticky
 62 First-aid device
 64 Looked longingly
 66 Less limited
 67 Imperturbable
 68 More abundant
 70 Sells
 71 Burn remedy
 72 — Dhabi
 75 Explosive sound
 76 English novelist
 77 Eye-opener?
 78 Actor Chaney
 79 Niles from
 80 Elvis Presley hit
 82 Out of range
 83 Outlaw
 84 Sheer joy
 85 Subordinate
 86 Beethoven's "Für —"
 87 Cover girl
 88 Geraldine
 89 Kennel feature
 91 Teapot disturbances?
 94 Gin flavoring
 95 Keep an — the ground
 97 Miss Piggy's pronoun
 98 DDE's predecessor
 99 Georgia health resort
 103 Morocco's capital
 105 Form a concept
 106 Flustered
 112 Coot
 113 Chicken — King
 114 Elver's parents
 115 Minneapolis suburb
 116 Ceremonial supper
 117 Mr. Hammar-skjold
 118 Ornerly Olympian
 119 Jessica of "Used People"
DOWN
 1 Bowe blow
 2 Be under the weather
 3 Monk's title
 4 Turkish topper
 5 Impressive building
 6 Geometry topics
 7 Enjoy the sunshine
 8 Vulgar
 9 Crushed
 10 Fandango kin
 11 Riser's relative
 12 Former nat.
 13 Respire
 14 "Get —" (Chris Elliott sitcom)
 15 Word form for "center"
 16 Pilsner
 17 Designer Klein
 21 Ancient French province
 23 Little Red Hen response
 24 Arab craft
 28 Uses a harrier
 29 Gala
 30 Run out
 31 The edge of anger
 34 Unrestrained
 37 Map abbr.
 38 Symbol
 40 Stationed
 41 Aquarium
 42 Grimizing
 43 It's often heaved
 46 Speakeasy patron
 47 Muslim mendicant
 50 Peter Fonda role
 51 Enthusiastic
 52 All of — (unexpectedly)
 53 Bar fruit
 54 "— Ha!"
 56 Bring down the house
 61 Sanskrit derivative
 62 Mall component
 63 Marvell marvel
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 68 Addis —
 69 Decent
 70 Vice follower
 71 Overhead
 73 Blows one's own horn
 74 Troubled
 76 Bull in a china shop, for instance
 77 Half and half
 80 Outtake
 81 Fellow
 82 Maugham's "Cakes and —"
 84 Build up
 86 Descriptive name
 89 Motley
 90 Bear in the air?
 92 Give relief?
 93 Ditch under a drawbridge
 94 City miasma
 95 "— Gay" (bomber)
 96 Ask for meat loaf
 99 Dome covers
 100 "Zip —"
 101 Country
 102 "If — a Hammer"
 104 Skilled
 107 Teachers' org.
 108 Author LeShan
 109 — Tin Tin
 110 Wind up
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ON THE NBA'S "50 GREATEST" LIST

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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's an excellent week to plan a business or pleasure trip. Some surprising economic deals are available if you pick and choose carefully. Patience is the key.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Accenting a calm attitude is paramount. A surprise situation which occurs midweek steers your judgment off course, so keep a clear head. Important personal decisions await this weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While your personal financial dealings are less than desirable, your career-oriented ideas are met favorably. Seek out advice on pressing credit matters. Be sure to follow through on what you hear.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Perhaps it's time to take a good look in the mirror at yourself. Someone out there is crying out for your attention and advice and you are not paying attention. Act quickly.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Chaos could sum up how the week will be around the house. Be patient, especially with children and older family members. The problem is temporary; you can solve it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Lately, you have been pushing yourself a bit too much. It is time this week to accent leisure activities with friends and family. Relax and enjoy the weekend!

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Don't jump to conclusions about a friend's strange behavior. Signals are crossed and you must have an open mind. Perhaps a casual lunch or dinner together this weekend will rectify this dilemma.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Pay special attention this week to your health and diet. Perhaps an overdue checkup with your physician is in order. If so, tend to this important matter right away.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) If there happens to be a romantic situation brewing on the job for yourself and a co-worker, nip this situation in the bud. Business and pleasure do not mix.

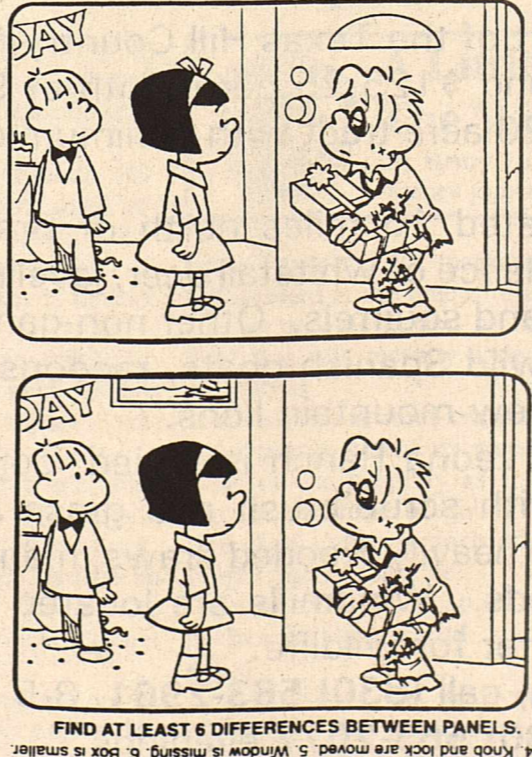
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It is not the week for insecurities. While you feel you lack sex appeal, that is actually far from the truth. A secret admirer emerges this weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't get down in the dumps if a connection you were counting on professionally temporarily falls through. With your creative mind, this is only a minor roadblock.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You demonstrate great optimism on the job and attract the attention of co-workers and bigwigs alike. This situation will drive you to excel.

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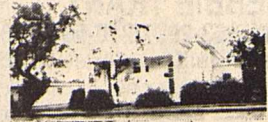
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First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

We have yet another blessing at our church; a new public address system. The new mixer, amplifier and speakers really improve the quality of the sound quite a bit.

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Scalping was common in the pioneer days by both the white man and the Indian. It was kept as a trophy to hang on a pole or sold to other collectors who bred hate for someone they considered to be "lower class" than themselves.

fore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged, condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned; forgive and ye shall be forgiven...

Frontier Baptist Church Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Moses was leading the children of Israel out of Egypt. Though the Pharaoh had given permission for them to go he changed his mind and sent over 600 chariots manned with officers and all his army to bring the Israelites back.

sance, fear of the weather, fear of anything. 366 times in the Bible the word is "Fear not". Faith and fear cannot live together.

St. John's Baptist Church Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr. 210-563-2582

And it was so that, when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication unto the Lord, he arose from before the altar of the Lord, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

him not leave us nor forsake us; That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes, and his judgements, which he commanded our fathers.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Pastor Nathan Lafrenz

Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of faith is to see what we believe. (St. Augustine) The fields all around were parched and brown from lack of rain, and the crops were withering from lack of moisture.

anxious faces and hopeful hearts. When the hour ended after much prayer and song, as if on magical command, a soft rain began to fall. Cheers swept the crowd as they held up their treasured objects of faith in gratitude and praise.

Council discusses street repairs at budget hearing

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"It benefits them when they're down, but then come winter time, on the gas rates, it's already bad enough that they have to be on a payment plan," she said.

"The council is totally out of order. When you look at the budget workshop, the budget analysis, the budget law, and how you handle this, this is totally out of order."

City Secretary David Luna

Luna said, "There were no streets being done prior to five years ago. Those moneys were used for a lot of other things."

THANK YOU We want to thank all our friends and neighbors for their kind thoughts, words and deeds during John's recent illness and at the time of Rosie's mother's death.

Guidry also pointed out that more money could be used for street repairs. The city's proposal has \$318,892 budgeted in the general fund with \$10,000 allotted for street repairs.

"There's been more done on streets for the last five years than ever before, ever before." Guidry said, "I'm not questioning that. I think we ought to do more."

Val Verde, Kinney counties worried larger areas will soak up water supply

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"We're looking for a complete, separate source of water for the city," Weathersbee said. "This is all long-range. It might not be needed for 30 years, 40 years or 100 years, but it has got to be done now before you get behind the power curve," he added.

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HEALTH

Diabetes leading cause of chronic kidney failure in Texas

New figures from the Texas Department of Health (TDH) show that half the applicants in the state's Kidney Health Care program in 1996 had a primary diagnosis of diabetes.

While diabetes has long been one of the major causes of chronic kidney failure, last year was the first time it was the leading cause of end-stage renal disease (ESRD) in the majority of new applicants.

In 1996, more than 4,000 people with ESRD joined the Kidney Health Care program, which offers financial assistance to nearly 15,500 Texas residents. Manuel Zapata, chief of TDH's Bureau of Kidney Health Care, said funding is available to patients who have no other coverage.

Benefits, which are subject to the program's budget limitations, include drugs and transportation expenses, immunosuppressive drugs for transplant recipients, payment for medical services such as dialysis treatments and Medicare premium payment for some

patients.

Healthy kidneys eliminate waste through a blood filtering system, regulate red blood cell production and blood pressure and control the body's chemical and fluid balance.

ESRD, which is not curable, occurs when kidneys do not function enough to support life. A variety of diseases and physical conditions contribute to kidney failure, but one is usually named as the primary diagnosis leading to ESRD.

The percent of applicants entering the program who have diabetes has increased steadily from 34 percent in 1986 to 52 percent in 1996. Diabetes leads to many long-term health complications including diabetic nephropathy, which damages small blood vessels. As a result, the kidneys cannot filter the blood properly, leading to higher levels of toxic substances and eventually complete kidney failure.

Of those applicants with a pri-

mary diagnosis of diabetes nephropathy, 50 percent were Hispanic, up from 45 percent with diabetes in 1986; 26 percent were white, a decrease from 33 percent 10 years ago; and 22 percent were African Americans, nearly the same as the 21 percent in 1986. About 40 percent of patients with Type I or juvenile onset diabetes and 10 to 30 percent of those with Type II or adult onset diabetes will have severe kidney failure.

The second leading cause of ESRD in Texas is hypertension or high blood pressure, the primary diagnosis of nearly 24 percent of all 1996 applicants. Uncontrolled and untreated hypertension decreases the kidneys' ability to remove waste from the body and decreases the blood supply to the kidneys, leading to kidney failure. More African Americans in Texas than all other applicants have a primary diagnosis of hypertension: 44 percent. Applicants who are white followed with 30 percent, and 24 percent of 1996 His-

panic applicants have a primary diagnosis of hypertension.

A group of diseases that cause inflammation in the part of the kidney that filters blood, called glomerulonephritis, is the third leading primary diagnosis - at 12 percent - for applicants. Other conditions and diseases leading to ESRD include urinary system disease, congenital anomalies, connective tissue disease, cancer, blood diseases, HIV/AIDS and metabolic diseases.

Patients with ESRD must rely on either dialysis or a kidney transplant. Untreated, complete breakdown of the kidneys is always fatal. Nationally, kidney disease is the fifth most common cause of death.

"I tell patients that it is important to learn about kidney disease," said Zapata, who received a kidney transplant in 1989 following 15 months on dialysis. "Patients need to ask lots of questions of doctors and nurses. They need to talk to other patients. And

they need to look for signs of problems creeping up," he said.

Among the warning signs of kidney disease are: burning or difficulty during urination; more frequent urination, particularly at night; bloody or cloudy urine; puffiness around the eyes, swelling of hands and feet, especially in children; pain in the small of the back, just below the ribs, which is not aggravated by movement; and high blood pressure.

Symptoms related to kidney failure usually occur only in late stages of the disease, when kidney function has diminished to less than 25 percent of normal capacity. For many years before that point, kidney disease exists as a silent process. People who have any signs of kidney disease should consult a physician. With blood and urine tests, a doctor can tell how a person's kidneys are working.



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Choking and Young Children

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Question: The other day I left the room briefly and my toddler started choking on something. What could I have done to prevent this?

Answer: Providing a safe environment for your children can be one of the best ways to minimize choking hazards. For example, keep batteries, paper clips, small toy parts and figures, nails and screws, coins, keys, balloons, marbles, and jewelry out of reach of small children. Prevent your toddler from playing with toys that are age-graded for his or her older brothers and sisters, and be sure these toys are stored out of reach of your young child. If you are unsure about the age-appropriateness of a toy, call the manufacturer and discuss your concerns.

Foods pose a special choking risk for children. Firm

foods provide a particular danger to young children. Feed your toddler only firm foods that have been completely chopped. Infants and young children don't always chew their food well, so always cut it for them. Be especially careful when serving hard candies, nuts and raisins, chunks of meat, hot dogs, raw carrots, and grapes. Also, have your child eat at the table; don't let him run around while eating and don't let older brothers and sisters feed him. Be sure to discuss these safety rules with anyone who watches over your young child.

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EMS personnel must follow code of ethics

This week, I would like to inform the public of a set of rules that we, as EMS personnel, must follow. We have a Code of Ethics and an Oath that we must adhere to just as doctors and lawyers do.

It is stated in the EMT Code of Ethics that, "The Emergency Medical Technician respects and holds in confidence all information of a confidential nature obtained in the course of professional work unless required by law to divulge such information."

The EMT Oath is as follows: "Be it pledged as an Emergency Medical Technician, I will honor the physical and judicial laws of God and man. I will follow that regimen which, according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the ben-

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efit of patients and abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous, nor shall I suggest any such counsel. Into whatever homes I enter, I will go into them for the benefit of only the sick and injured, never revealing what I see or hear in the lives of men unless required by law.

"I shall also share my medical knowledge with those who may benefit from what I have learned. I will serve unselfishly and continuously in order to help make a better world for all mankind."

"While I continue to keep this

oath unviolated, may it be granted to me to enjoy life, and the practice of the art, respected by all men, in all times. Should I trespass or violate this oath, may the reverse be my lot. So help me God."

Both of these quotes were adopted by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians.

Therefore, we can not tell anyone the name of the person that we pick up, or anything pertaining to that person and their transport. Anything that is told to us while in the course of per-

forming our duty stays between the patient and ourselves, unless it is something that we are obligated to report to the police.

If you do not want everyone who has a scanner to hear the address that we are responding to, request that the dispatcher tell us to call you by phone to receive the location and nature of the call.

It is always better to be safe than sorry. No call for help is a "stupid" call, no matter how minor the injury may be. It is better to be assessed and told that a visit to a doctor is not necessary, than not to call and risk serious medical complications.

So please, for your sake and the sake of others, never hesitate to call 911. The cost of a medical bill is not as important as the cost of a life.