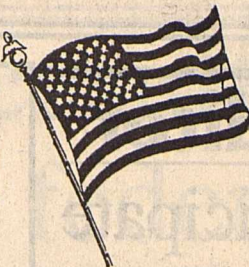


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Brackett quarterback J. Wayne Ballew, center, hands off to Jorge Rodriguez (7) who looks for running room behind guard Pat Munoz (54) during last week's game against Sabinal. See related story, Page 7. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Trustees lower tax rate

School district to host public hearing on tax increase

The Brackett School Board of Trustees agreed to cut its tax rate Monday night, but will be forced to have public hearing for a tax increase.

The trustees adopted a tax rate of 1.2119 per \$100 valuation, which is four cents less than last year's rate of \$1.2529.

"We're required to have a local hearing even though we're lowering the tax rate," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "If we raised the tax rate, I could understand having a public hearing, but we lowered it."

The public hearing, scheduled for Sept. 22, is required by the state because of the difference between the district's tax rate of \$1.2119 and its effective tax rate of

\$1.0750.

The effective tax rate is computed by the Property Tax Division in Austin and is used to determine the tax rate necessary to produce local funds to financially support the district's budget.

"Most of our school moneys are from state funds which are not considered when computing the effective tax rate," Stephenson said. "It is unrealistic in Tier II matching funds, which is an equalization fund for the property poor districts of Texas."

"In my opinion, the law is flawed," he said. "When Texas went to a matching fund for equalization purposes, they should have refigured the effective tax rate."

The approved tax rate will produce \$1,008,182 in local funds and \$2,966,019 in total state funds, including \$587,141 in Tier II funding.

"The state funds are based on the taxes collected and the tax rate," Stephenson said. "The adopted tax rate maximizes the Tier II revenue that Brackett is eligible for. Each penny levied less than the \$1.21 would cost the district approximately \$16,500 in state aid."

According to the local appraisal district, the average home value in Kinney County is \$55,000.

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City pursues bids for new booster station

The Brackettville City Council is pursuing bids to construct a new booster station.

The council authorized Hunter Associates to advertise for bids for the contract at its regular meeting Tuesday night.

The new booster station will help increase water pressure in the city. City Councilman Wes Robinson made

the motion to pursue bids, which was seconded by Alderwoman Tencha Pena.

Robinson, Pena, Mary Flores and J.J. Guidry all voted in favor of the action. Alderman Tino Gomez was absent.

Rezoning Ordinance

The council approved an ordinance rezoning a lot in the Alegre Acres subdivision from residential to business to es-

ablish an art studio.

The decision was based on the recommendation made by the city's zoning commission.

Records Management

Officials passed an ordinance establishing an active and continuing records management program.

Chief Clerk Ginger Dodson will ad-

minister the program as the record management officer.

Fire Protection

The council unanimously passed a fire protection contract between Fort Clark Springs and the city.

Fort Clark Springs officials had previously agreed to the contract.

Official Depository

The First State Bank of Brackettville was designated as the official depository for the city.

In other action, the council approved minutes and financial reports, Faustino "Lingo" Sandoval presented the fire marshal's report, Carol Sandoval gave the monthly activity report, and David Luna gave the city manager's update.

Pretrial hearing for county officials set for Wednesday at 1

Two Kinney County officials facing charges of theft and abuse of official capacity will face a pretrial hearing Wednesday at 1 p.m. in District Court at the Courthouse.

County Judge Tommy Seargeant and Commissioner Joe Montalvo were both indicted last month on charges surrounding the theft of highway guard rails. Both have pled not guilty.

Shortly after being indicted, Seargeant was suspended with pay by the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct. Herb Senne is serving as judge in his absence.

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

District Judge George M. Thurmond said he hopes to see the case go to trial in October.

It's official: City council picks The Brackett News

The Brackett News is again the official newspaper of the city of Brackettville.

Last year, the Del Rio News-Herald was named the official newspaper. The city council passed a resolution Tuesday night naming The Brackett News as the official newspaper at a regular meeting.

Alderwoman Mary Flores made the motion to appoint The Brackett News. Alderwoman Tencha Pena seconded the motion.

Flores, Pena and Mayor Carmen Berlanga all voted in favor of the resolution. City Council members J.J. Guidry and Wes Robinson both abstained because of conflicts of interest. Alderman Tino Gomez was absent.

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Tencha Pena

paper, I would like for it be clarified here at our council meetings," Pena said. "Talk to our city manager who is more aware of what should be in the paper."

"I feel that the city should be recognized for all that it's doing and has done in the past, and to prevent any disagreements among our local newspaper and our city council, along with our city manager. I ask that we communicate."

Commissioners approve \$6,554 vehicle maintenance expenses

The Kinney County Commissioners Court "reluctantly" agreed to pay bills, which included \$6,554.94 for vehicle maintenance, Monday during a regular meeting.

The county paid \$3,052.55, almost half of the vehicle maintenance expenses, to replace the engine in a 1992 Ford sheriff's patrol car.

"I think we need to talk to some of our supervisors and let them get onto their employees about maintenance on the vehicle," Precinct 3 Commissioner Joe Williams said.

The vehicle maintenance expenses included \$3,140.23 for the sheriff's department, \$2,214.04 for the road and bridge department, \$1,055.82 for EMS, and \$144.25 for the county agent's vehicle.

Vacation Time

The commissioners discussed carrying over vacation time for employees into the new fiscal year after being presented with a blanket request.

"The employee policy states that individuals who want to carry over vacation time need to request that in writing from the commissioners court individually," Precinct 4 Commissioner Paul O'Rourke said.

"That's the way we've done it in the past and I

don't see any sense to deviate from the policy on a blanket approval.

"If some of the supervisors don't know what the policy is, then they need to read the policy and notify their employees what it is."

"If we violate the policy, we might as well throw the policy out," O'Rourke added.

The commissioners took no action, agreeing to discuss requests as they are made individually.

Budget Considerations

The court agreed to increase the salary of Maryn McIntire, site director of Aging Services, by \$720 in the proposed budget.

"We started out her salary at a low rate, promising her that if she worked out all right we would make an adjustment in her salary," O'Rourke said. "It should have been last year."

Precinct 1 Commissioner Freddie Frerich said, "She's still making about \$2,000 less than the person she replaced."

Williams added, "Let it be known I was not aware of this because I was not aboard ship when this promise was made."

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A number of policies were discussed by the Brackett School Board of Trustees at Monday night's regular meeting. Community/Page 4

■ Tigerettes take fourth

The Tigers and Tigerettes left tracks Saturday at the Rocksprings cross country meet, which marked the first meet in school history. Sports/Page 7

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VOICE OF THE TIGERS Floyd returns to announce BHS home football games

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

After a five-year hiatus, Harrell Floyd is returning to announce the Brackett high school varsity football games.

Floyd will announce Brackett's five home games, including tomorrow night's 7:30 contest against D'Hanis.

"I'm excited about it," Floyd said Wednesday. "It's good to get back. I know a lot of the kids that are playing football and that's what makes it fun. I enjoy watching the kids you see grow up here in Brackett."

With nine offensive and nine defensive starters returning from last year's ball club, Floyd said he expects the Tigers to have a successful season.

"We're going to have a good year," he said. "I've talked to some of the kids and they are ex-

cited about the season. They've really been working hard. It's going to be a fun season."

Floyd said he also expects the Tigers to draw good crowds at their home games this year.

"Brackett has always been good about supporting the kids in their athletic programs," he said.

Floyd previously announced the Tiger games for six years during the late 80s and early 90s.

"I'm excited about Harrell announcing the games," Brackett coach Roy Rokovich said. "I think he will do an outstanding job."

What makes announcing exciting to Floyd?

"When a kid breaks loose for a 50- or 60-yard run, that's what makes announcing exciting," he said. "With the type of offense that we have this year, it should be really exciting."

Duke Meek will assist Floyd this season as a spotter.



Brackett football coach Roy Rokovich, right, is excited about Harrell Floyd returning as the "Voice of the Tigers."

Seminole to celebrate

The Seminole Indian Scouts will celebrate their 125th anniversary on Sept. 20-21.

The weekend celebration will be hosted by the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Association.

Charles Emily Wilson, the last Black Seminole still living who was born on the Fort Clark Reservation, and Joni M. Jordan of Del Rio are the guest speakers.

The event begins with a parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Parade awards and a program will begin at 11 a.m., followed by a barbecue lunch at noon.

The celebration will also feature exhibits, booths, singing, and a disco dance.

For more information about the parade, call Augusta Pines at 719-1167 or 774-3029, or Beverly Wright at 563-5039.

Letters to the Editor

Citizens need to participate in annual Fort Clark Days

Inheritance doesn't necessarily mean a remnant of land, a cabin in the woods, or a bucket of money as the co-chairman and I learned after Fort Clark Days of 1997 was bequeathed to us.

However, being survivors and recovering from the weighty magnitude of the situation, we were determined to seek the support of the many talented and positive leaders in this area. Included are the citizens of Brackettville which encompasses the business, school, and student population.

What an opportunity to work together in preserving our histori-

cal significance on the state and national levels.

Besides reenactments of authentic Texas Ranger legends, there will be things of interest to younger children, students and the general population.

Presently, we'd like to have more craft and food booths which are available for \$10 for October 11-12.

It's a great way to raise money for worthwhile projects. It would also help the coheirs of Fort Clark Days 1997 feel better about their inheritance.

Woodie Hornburg

Good government group provided false information

To Bob and Joan Lindley: Were you members of the good government group?

The same group that wrote the resume and endorsed the candidacy of a member of the board who said he had been in the Army and had attained the rank of captain.

He was never in the United States Army. He was not running for office in Mexico.

He was elected under false pretense. Over 1,000 members were defrauded of their vote.

This man made fools of all the

good government group. If you were a member of this group, you have done this community a great disservice.

I have a legal right to disagree with the board, but I am not insulting or disrespectful.

You, on the other hand, call those you do not agree with idiots and nincompoops. Perhaps you are only seeing your own reflection.

By the way, why are you selling your home if this is such a great place?

Roger Perez

Group offers statement of purpose for recent actions

The purpose of actions being pursued against the Board of Directors of the Fort Clark Springs Association Inc. by concerned members in good standing of the association are solely intended to restore integrity and ethical conduct to the Board of Directors as the governing body of the association; to put a stop to individual director behavior which is characterized by influence peddling,

meddling in the daily business of the association, and intimidation of association employees; to end the control of the Board of Directors by any special interest group; and to reestablish sound management of the day to day affairs of the association by a general manager, without obstruction of his or her efforts by the Board of Directors.

Arvel L. Baker

Problem lies with attitude

I must extend my apology to Bill Haenn. I would have thought that the course of events would have given him some idea of why he was fired.

I didn't say that the board told him why he was fired. I don't know that, but I can for sure tell him why I would have fired him long before the board managed to do it.

I don't know anything about false rumors, but I observed at several meetings the same display of pomposity evident in Mr. Haenn's letter to the editor last week.

Several times Fort Clark Springs members complained in open meetings of poor treatment by Mr. Haenn. Never once did I hear Mr. Haenn say "I'm sorry" or "I was wrong." If he conceded the least error, he blamed the error on someone else.

In my opinion, attitude is Mr. Haenn's problem, for it is a fact that in Mr. Haenn's letter he decries the consideration of opinions at Fort Clark Springs.

In a democracy, opinion is what it's all about. We vote to express opinions. We lobby to express opinions. We write letters to editors to express opinions.

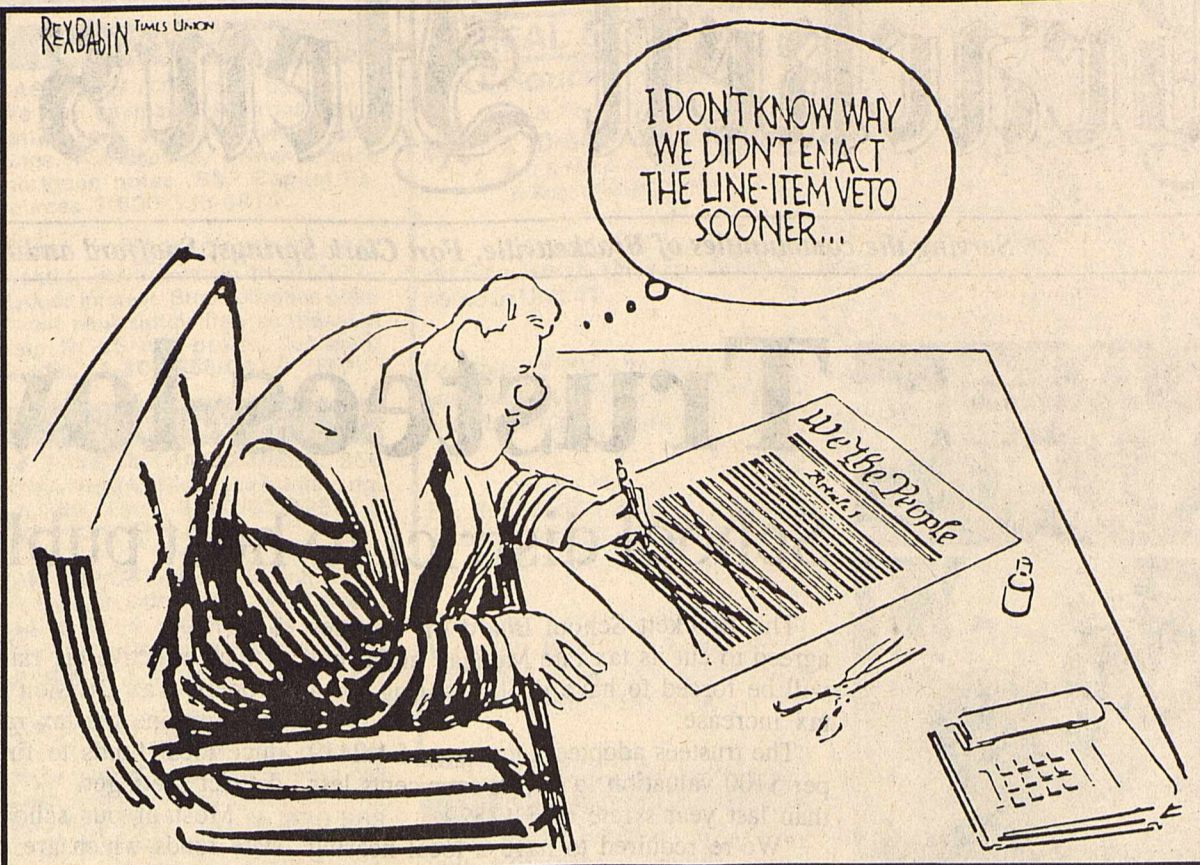
Opinions don't count in autocratic, dictatorial situations, and that's not what I'd like at Fort Clark. I would fire anyone with an autocratic attitude who didn't care about the opinions of members.

In my opinion, it takes a great deal of dignity for the board to ignore Mr. Haenn's irrational ravings of injustice. It's decent of them not to air his faults and it took a lot of courage and strength of character to do an unpleasant job that needed to be done.

Incidentally, at the January board meeting, Mr. Haenn prefaced a challenge to a statement that I had made with "Now Joan, you know..."

Could that have been presumptuous impertinence? Or is there no sauce for the gander?

Joan Lindley



House cleaning in U.S. must begin at the top

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Many people don't think clearly before they vote. It's hard to see how anyone could have voted for Bill Clinton.

The president's high handed actions will be detrimental to generations to come. Perhaps his most detrimental actions are seen in the appointees he has forced on America.

A close look will note that his appointees number the most embarrassing characters that have graced the establishment in Washington.

One of the most power grabbing and harmful is his present head of FDA.

His bureaucrats have made many people quaver at the mention of ecoli: aside from salmonella, ecoli has been hammered so loudly that many won't eat chicken or beef.

The latest diatribe and high handed talk and actions about ecoli and Hudson foods is ludicrous and ridiculous.

Twelve people get sick and the unproven claim was that ecoli in hamburgers was the culprit, so by pressure from an appointed bureaucrat accountable to noone, 25 million pounds of fresh hamburgers were destroyed, a company was destroyed and many people were thrown out of work.

It is a proven fact that had the meat been heated enough the ecoli would have been killed. It is also a fact the presence of ecoli was never established in the meat recalled.

This week is San Antonio, 16 people were sickened by spaghetti that somehow was contaminated.

If the king of food in Washington finds out about it, will he make the producers of the spaghetti re-

call all of their product nationwide?

Or perhaps the ingredients of the sauce might be subject to his demagoguery.

Until the American people begin to think and vote intelligently, we can continue to expect power hungry demagogues to rob us of our freedoms as we see almost every day by OSHA, EPA, and the Parks and Wildlife department.

House cleaning must begin at the top. With the right man at the top, people serving men will be appointed and the basic freedoms given by the Constitution will not be compromised by people who care not for the freedoms inherent in the Bill of Rights.

Keep the doctors not the bureaucrats

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

There's a small provision Washington just added to the law books I bet you didn't know about. Seems as though some folks think that it would be a good idea to encourage hospitals not to train doctors.

That's right, they want to spend taxpayer dollars to stop training doctors. Only a Washington bureaucrat would think that such nonsense is common sense!

There are some folks who actually believe there are just too many doctors out there and this will be a good way to take care of the problem.

Well, folks living in America's rural communities would beg to differ. In their communities, the question is often not which doctor to see, but if one is available at all.

When you live 100 miles from the nearest big city, you don't have the option to pick from thousands of doctors at major hospitals and clinics.

That's why each year we work hard to support important programs like community health centers, the health professions program, which trains people to become health professionals, and telemedicine projects. Each of these play a vital role in bringing needed medical attention to medically underserved regions.

Programs like community health centers provide vital preventive care for patients who otherwise may not have access to medical care at all. Often this treatment can help nip a health problem in the bud before it blooms into a full-grown problem that could lead to costly hospital stays and emergency care.

Whether it's preventive prenatal care or early detection of diseases like diabetes or breast cancer, increasing everyone's access to medical care is essential to keeping a community healthy.

Instead of paying urban hospitals to stop training doctors, why not encourage those doctors to practice in rural areas where they could really make a difference?

Given the number of ridiculous lawsuits today, some of us might be in favor of paying the bar association to stop licensing lawyers.

But in reality, we live in a free market society, where the market decides when there is too much of something.

There is no doubt that rural communities need more doctors. That is why, as I write this column, the House of Representatives is working to increase support for vital rural health care programs.

This Congress is working to ensure that every American, both urban and rural, has access to quality medical care.



Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Budget deals a better hand to small business

There is one difference between a tax collector and a taxidermist. The taxidermist leaves the hide.

Congress spent a good part of last summer debating federal tax policies, and though we couldn't do as much as I would have liked, I am pleased to report that small businesses are going to have a little more hide left when next year's tax day rolls around.

What follows is a rundown on provisions of the law as it affects small business:

Does the new law change the rule for small businesses mandating electronic filing of payroll taxes?

Yes, it does. The requirement for electronic filing has caused major headaches for small businesses.

Many felt they were not given enough time to adapt to the new system. Not all banks are equipped for their customers to file electronically, and the banks that were equipped imposed surcharges for the service - in effect, increasing the tax rate.

The new law delays penalties for failing to comply with the requirement through July 1, 1998.

Congress plans to revisit this issue next year. At that time, I hope we either will extend the deadline once again, or change the rules to require electronic payment of federal employment taxes only if the amount of taxes to be deposited exceeds a specified minimum.

I am co-sponsoring a bill that would set those minimums as follows: those paying a minimum of \$30 million in 1996 would have to file electronically by January, 1998; \$20 million in 1997 by January, 1999; \$10 million in 1998 by January, 2000; \$5 million in 1999 by 2001 and beyond.

How does the new law affect the corporate alternative minimum tax (AMT)?

Small businesses with average gross receipts of less than \$5 million will be exempted from the corporate AMT. They qualify if they have average gross receipts of less than \$5 million for the three-year period beginning after December 31, 1994 and ending December 31, 1997.

A corporation that met these requirements over the past three years will continue to be exempt from the AMT, so long as its average gross receipts do not exceed \$7.5 million.

How does the new law address the home office deduction?

It clarifies the definition of a "principal place of business." This will expand the number of taxpayers eligible for this deduction.

The office must be used by the taxpayer to conduct administrative or management activities of a business, and there may be no other fixed location where the taxpayer conducts substantial business activities.

Did Congress make any progress toward reducing the estate tax?

The answer is yes, but in my view, we did not go far enough. I favor abolishing the estate tax altogether. However, the new law includes a \$1.3 million estate tax exclusion for family-owned small business and family farms.

The family must have owned or materially participated in the business or farm for at least five of the eight years preceding the death.

As far as I'm concerned, small businesses are still taxed at too high a rate, both in direct payments and indirectly through the imposition of pointless rules and ineffective but expensive regulatory requirements.

I will continue to work on finding better ways for the government to deal with economic engines that create two out of every three jobs in our country: America's small businesses.

Big Mama Sez!



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Letter to the Editor

FCS group disappointed with the firing of manager

At this time, I would like to address the recent firing at Fort Clark Springs by the Fort Clark Springs Board.

I am president of the Masters Homeowners Association which is the Masters Condominium group. I have been president for the last four years and have had dealings with both the board and the manager. My dealings with Bill Haenn were so much better than his predecessor; there was no comparison.

Bill Haenn has helped me and my membership in dealing with such things as insurance, inspections, key rates and security. He has been nothing but a consummate professional.

It angered me and my board when we found out that he had been fired. The method in which he was fired was so unprofessional that we could not believe it. He has been nothing but a breath of fresh air since he took over as manager. All the improvements in the Fort since Bill has been manager has been noted by my membership.

We apparently have a couple of loose cannons on the Fort Clark Springs board that has influenced some of the other members of the board.

The type of destructive, non-productive actions has to be stopped. This board needs to quit trying to micro-manage the Fort and let the manager do his job.

Bill Haenn has been carrying out the boards directions and policies as well as the much needed improvements we felt were finally getting done.

He did not take this as a nine to five job; I have personally observed him working late at night for the Fort.

This bridge club/government group has lost any credibility that they ever had by backing these destructive, non-progressive loose cannons.

Since the firing of Bill Haenn, there have been gross accounting

errors in the financial statements, status of the membership has not been received, and many other problems have been noted.

This Board of Directors is responsible to the membership of Fort Clark Springs Association. Their chief function is to formulate and adopt, with the advice of the manager, the operating policies of the association not to micro-manage the Fort.

A resolution was passed in June of 1991 that the board shall not convey any orders to the employees unless it goes through the manager. Several of the board members continually undermined the manager and intimidated some of the employees. This has to be stopped.

Under Bill Haenn, I saw more improvements than I did the previous seven years.

During his first year as manager, the Fort made \$156,000 profit and this had never been done before. Yet his salary was \$13,000 a year less than his predecessor.

No Bill Haenn is not a glad hander, but he is a can-do, get-the-job-done type manager. He has enforced our rules and regulation and motivated our employees to work smarter and to be proud of their work.

He is the reason we are now on the new Texas Highway map and on the billboard advertising in cooperation with Alamo Village.

Things were looking bright under his leadership and my membership appreciated his efforts.

I have to agree with Art Baker that it is time we replace those bad elements on our current Board of Directors before we get ourselves into a worse state of affairs than we are now.

I remember a lesson that we learned in government, we get the kind of government that we deserve. We deserve better at Fort Clark. We do not need to live up to the name Fort Hatchet.

Dr. Beck Steiner

Voting Rights Act suffocates Texas with mandatory federal oversight

By Antonio O. Garza Jr.
Secretary of State of Texas

As Texas' chief elections officer, I see it as an affront to the integrity of Texans and their state lawmakers that the election process is continuously thwarted by Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

If Washington thinks we should keep putting up with such bureaucratic micro-management like we have for the past 20 years, it can guess again. They're wrong. We don't need it.

What I'm talking about is the fact that a particular section of the Act serves to suffocate our state with mandatory federal oversight of election changes.

Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act covers the entirety of just nine states, including Texas, requiring all individual jurisdictions within those states to submit any change related to voting, no matter how slight the change, to the federal government for approval or "preclearance" before such change can take place.

The original thought behind this rule was that certain jurisdictions required special vigilance to ensure compliance with the Act and protection of minorities' voting rights during what was a volatile time in our nation's civil rights history.

In 1975, when Texas was made subject to Section 5, the country had just witnessed a sweeping civil rights movement and some areas in the South had not yet implemented required changes in their voting procedures.

Today, Texas is one of the most progressive states in terms of making it easy for all citizens to register and vote - heck, astronauts can now vote from space - and yet Texas continues to be subject to a voting provision that is based on a presumption of discrimination.

This limited section of the Act is offensive and intrusive in today's context and it interferes with Texas' ability to, among

other things, enact its own elections-related legislation.

In fact, the Section 5 preclearance rule now serves less to preserve voting rights and more to interfere with them, given the delays involved with the U.S. Justice Department's administration of the preclearance process.

The overall purpose of the Act, of course, remains valid. It was passed by the U.S. Congress in 1965 to banish the blight of racial discrimination in voting rights. Other sections of Act, such as Section 2, continue to protect the voting rights of all citizens by providing individuals and the federal government strong remedies to safeguard against actual discrimination and ensuring that race-based barriers will not be allowed to stand in the way of voting rights for minorities.

However, as it is written, Section 5 expands the heavy hand of federal bureaucracy, resulting in a micromanagement mess. Indeed, the Justice Department typically allows itself sixty days to respond to a request for preclearance, often responding with a mere request for additional information, which triggers another sixty-day waiting period for the state.

In a particularly telling example, Texas recently stood poised to take control of a school district racked by financial mismanagement. The Justice Department took the position that, because school board members are elected, any such state action must be precleared. The measure finally got federal clearance many months later, during which time Texas schoolchildren remained at risk.

The Section 5 preclearance requirement affects a broad scope of voting procedures. For example, Texas must request preclearance from the federal government before an election may be held in our state, even a special election to fill a vacancy caused by an officeholder's death. If a local government were to change the entrance

to a polling place from the front door to the back door, such a change would have to be precleared even though it is only marginally related to the actual casting of a ballot.

The passage of state legislation related in any way to voting is particularly burdened by Section 5. For example, Texas attempted to create seven new county courts in 1993 to ease overcrowded court dockets. Creation of these courts called for the election of new judges and, thus, required preclearance. Because the Justice Department objected to the manner of electing the new judges, Texas was forced to engage in a lengthy court battle to overcome the objection, resulting in an unnecessary delay and significant cost to our state.

The 1995 Texas legislative session saw the passage of some significant election reform legislation which would have protected the voting rights of minorities and non-minorities alike by ensuring that persons known to be noncitizens would not be given a voter registration application. Incredibly, because of Section 5, the measure was not implemented until August of 1997.

Many of the election reform measures passed during the most recent 1997 legislative session are practically guaranteed to stay on a shelf collecting dust unless something is done to remedy this situation.

Certainly at one time in our country's history, such extreme measures as Section 5 may have been a valid means of bringing states into compliance with the overall purpose of the Act -- to banish discrimination in voting. Today, however, the presumption that Texas will act in a discriminatory manner so as to require such excessive oversight by a federal bureaucracy is an outmoded affront to the people of Texas and is out of step with twenty years of election law designed to ensure that all Texans have access to the ballot box.

Surely after more than twenty years Texas is capable of administering the state's voting procedures all by itself.

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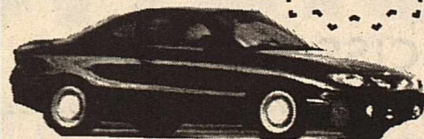
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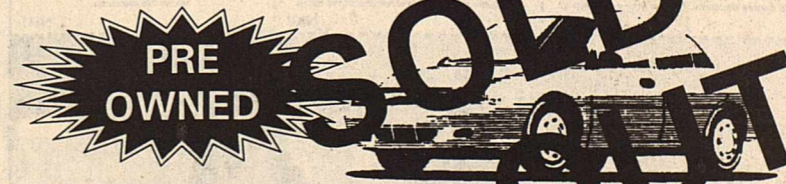
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School Board of Trustees cuts tax rate by four cents

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With the increased homestead exemption of \$5,000 to \$15,000 and the lowered tax rate, the tax on the average home in Kinney County would decrease by \$141.69, or 22.6 percent, from \$626.45 to \$484.76.

"A reduction in the tax rate in combination with the additional homestead exemption will net most homeowners a substantial tax break," Stephenson said.

"This will be true even though it is likely that most homeowners saw their appraised values rise within the past year."

Brackett's tax rate of \$1.21 is below the average rate of \$1.40 for Region 20, which includes San Antonio and most of the Southwest Texas area.

"We're giving our local taxpayers a decrease and we're trying to hold the state accountable for paying its part," Stephenson said. "I don't know that anyone can fault the board."

"When you write your check, if you're writing it for less money and you're making the state tow its part for the kids of Brackettville, I think we're being fair to our local people by going down on our rate, which we said we would."

Court allows Aging Services to host Lions Club meetings

The Kinney County Commissioners Court authorized the Aging Services program to host Lions Club meetings at a special meeting on Monday morning.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Freddie Frerich said the meetings could be held at the Nutrition Center "on a very limited basis."

"I would hate to just start all-out competition with the local cafes and restaurants," he said.

Aging Services Site Director Maryn McIntire said members of the Brackettville Lions Club approached her with the idea, adding that they were not pleased with the service at the Las Moras Inn restaurant at Fort Clark Springs.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Paul O'Rourke asked if there were other restaurants in the community that could host the meetings.

"There are other places other than Las Moras restaurant on the fort," he said.

"On the fort, they have it upstairs and there's no problems with regular customers," O'Rourke said. "But if you go into someplace else, you would probably have to close it down for those people to hold their meeting and have a private dinner."

Frerich said, "If anybody wants to pursue (this), they can approach the Lions Club and they can talk about it. That's their right."

McIntire said one of the advantages of Aging Services hosting the meetings was the size of the Nutrition Center.

"They heard that I have catered to MUD twice now, and I got some good reviews on it, so they came to me," she said.

"I don't see any problems with trying it out and seeing how it works," O'Rourke added.

School Board discusses policies

A number of policies were discussed at Monday's regular school board meeting. Trustees adopted Policy DNA, which involves the process for teacher evaluations.

"It is a policy that puts into local policy things that we've been studying for the last year on how we're going to appraise teachers in our district for their effectiveness this next year," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

The board also adopted policy dealing with internet guidelines at the school district.

"Basically, it is an authorized use policy that says the internet at Brackett ISD is to be used for educational purposes and no other," Stephenson said. "Every student and every staff member is going to sign a statement saying that's what we're going to do with it."

The first reading of Update 56 from the Texas Association of School Boards was presented.

"It is an update that begins to bring local and state policy into conformance with the 75th Legislative Session, which is the one that we just completed," the superintendent said. "It's totally reworking policies because

of statutory changes."

The trustees also heard the first reading of a policy dealing with the district's Gifted and Talented Program.

"The policy outlines how we're going to operate the Gifted and Talented Program," Stephenson said. "It is much more extensive than it has been in the past. The state has new guidelines and we will have new guidelines. We'll bring that policy back in a month for another review."

Personnel

Carroll Petrosky was hired as a teacher for the district's alternative school, which now has two teachers and an aide.

"We have 19 kids in our alternative school," Stephenson said. "We budgeted to have a second teacher in this budget. We're finally at the point where we need to fill that position."

"We started the year with about half that number of students and we've grown to the point where we need a couple of certified teachers."

"We have two missions in alternative school, one is disciplinary and one is academic, trying to catch up kids that are having difficulty and are behind in their classes," he added.

Improvement Plans

The school board adopted a district improvement plan, in addition to campus improvement plans.

"These plans set the goals for the next school year," Stephenson said.

"I thought they were wonderful. I think they are better than I have ever seen them here. It looked like we had more input and more thinking this year than we've had in the past. I think it's a good roadmap to improvement."

Capital Projects

The trustees voted to purchase fans for the gymnasium, to seek bids to replace the bleachers for the gymnasium, and to further study resurfacing the track and building new tennis courts.

Financial Update

Stephenson also provided a financial update to the school board at the meeting.

"Basically, it covered some budget adjustments for this school year," he said. "In federal funds, we had some increased carry-over amounts. Then we had an increase in training for the telecommunications infrastructure fund."

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Officials discuss naming county roads for 911 use

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Naming County Roads

The commissioners, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cliff Fritter, and John Cowsar of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council reviewed the designation of names of roads within the county for 911 use.

Retirement

The court voted to disapprove "buy-back" privileges on retire-

ment. The commissioners also agreed to keep the county's insurances rates the same.

Hospital Contract

The court approved a contract with Uvalde Memorial Hospital for indigent health care services.

EMS Report

EMS Director Michelle Rosas presented the monthly run report for her department. Emergency runs for August

included 10 in Brackettville, six on Fort Clark Springs, and four in rural Kinney County.

EMS officials transported 12 patients to Del Rio, five were treated and released, two were transported to Uvalde, and one to the Brackettville clinic.

Patients included 16 for illnesses, three for injuries, and one for a motor vehicle accident.

Road and Bridge Report

Fritter presented the monthly

report for the county's Road and Bridge Department.

Fritter said his crew spent the last four weeks hauling and blading on River Road and Standard Lane.

The department also took down two bump gates on River Road.

Minutes

The commissioners approved the minutes from meetings on Aug. 1, 6, 7, 11, 18, 25 and 27.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, September 2

3:09 p.m., A motorist reported four fires along the rail road tracks. The Del Rio Fire Department was notified.

Wednesday, September 3

10:50 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that she had locked her keys in her vehicle with her child.

Thursday, September 4

2:03 p.m., An anonymous caller reported that they heard a baby crying in the empty lot on Ann Street, across from the catholic church. Officials

searched the area and noone could be found.

Friday, September 5

5:46 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that there was a strong smell of natural gas coming from Maggie's Cafe. City officials were notified.

Saturday, September 6

12:10 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported 20 individuals running and yelling in her yard.

9:53 p.m., A Brackettville man requested the assistance of a deputy because of a domestic problem at his residence on Beaumont Street.

Sunday, September 7

12:33 a.m., A Brackettville woman requested the assistance of a deputy because she was having a disturbance with her husband.

12:40 a.m., Martin Garcia of Brackettville was arrested for public intoxication by Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess and booked into the Kinney County jail. He was released later the same day after paying a \$100 fine.

Tuesday, September 9

7:37 a.m., A Brackettville

woman reported that there were two men at her residence smoking marijuana and "giving her a hard time." Sheriff Burgess was dispatched to the scene. He spoke to one of the men who said the woman was sleeping.

8:00 a.m., Samuel Cruz Fernandez, 18, of Brackettville was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon by Sheriff Burgess. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail and magistrated by Judge Herb Senne. Fernandez is being held on \$10,000 bond.

Community Calendar

Thursday, September 11

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

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

6:30 p.m., The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets at Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

Saturday, September 13

10:00 a.m., The Fort Clark Springs Community Council meets at Shafter Hall on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, September 16
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Thursday, September 18

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.

Saturday, September 20

10:00 a.m., The Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors meets at the Board Room on Fort Clark Springs.

Monday, September 22

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

Tuesday, September 23

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

Thursday, September 25

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

Saturday, September 27

12:30 p.m., The Fort Clark Chapter of The Retired Officers Association (TROA) will have its monthly luncheon at the Ramada Inn in Del Rio.

Tuesday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

7:00 p.m., The Brackett Band Booster Club meets at the Band Hall.

Thursday, October 2

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, October 5

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

Monday, October 6

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

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

Tuesday, October 7

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

Thursday, October 9

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

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

6:30 p.m., The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets at Las Moras Inn.

Parents' night is tomorrow

The first home game of the football season will be here Friday night at Tiger Stadium. It will be a chance to see the Tiger team, the cheerleaders and the band.

Last Friday night at Sabinal, we lost a heartbreaker. The new Texas football rule on overtime was tested by the Brackett Tigers. We were tied at the end of four quarters and ended up losing by a touchdown.

The team is a good one and will get better. Come out and support the Tigers Friday night.

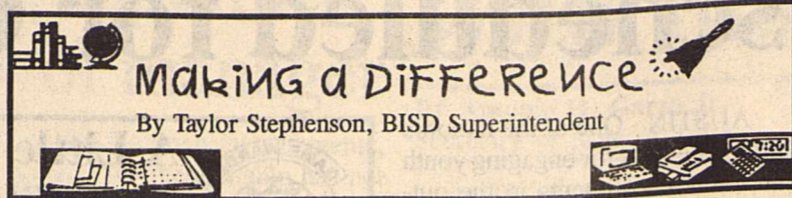
At the football stadium, you will see some changes:

There are no reserved seats. All seating is general admission. We have added some railings to help get you safely up and down the bleachers.

The new lights will be on for the first time at a varsity football game.

The concession stand has been remodeled and now has an ice machine, freezer and popcorn machine.

Our award winning cheerleaders will be on hand to rekindle the spirit of the Tiger.



The band was outstanding in their performance in Sabinal. They will perform for us at half time.

This is Parents' Night! We have a grand show prepared this Friday night.

In other sports, our junior varsity football team plays at home tonight at 6. The Cub football team plays in Rocksprings today at 5:30.

The freshman volleyball team plays at Eagle Pass in a tournament Saturday.

The varsity teams are improving with each performance.

Improvement Plans
Our school year continues to be a good one. The District and Campus Site Based Committees have completed their improvement plans for 1997-98.

The plans include goals and activities for improving the academic performance of students at BISD.

Our staff of teachers is working well together. Students have settled down into the learning routine.

As a whole, our students are extremely well behaved at school. With the student handbook changes and a revised code of conduct, expectations for student behavior have been spelled out.

Capital Improvements
We will be adding fans to the Tiger Gym in the coming days to try to cool it down.

The School Board is also investigating permanent bleachers for the gym that will be safer and which will provide storage underneath.

The board continues to seek ways of getting water to the track field. If water can be found, an all weather track is a possibility.

Tax Rate
The Brackett Board of Educa-

tion voted to propose lowering the tax rate from \$1.2529 to \$1.2119 for the 1997-98 school year.

With the increased homestead exemption of \$10,000, property taxpayers should see a decrease in the amount of taxes that they will pay this year.

At BISD, we receive a substantial amount of state support for education. We receive about \$3 from the state for each local tax dollar paid. It's important to look at total dollars for schools from local and state sources.

The formula for looking at the local taxes paid is called the effective tax rate in Texas. This calculation calls what is a tax decrease tax by our schools a tax increase.

In property tax poor districts in Texas, the effective tax rate needs to be viewed as what actually happened to the taxpayers.

The calculations that I have looked at show that most taxpayers will pay lower taxes this next year. If you have questions on this one, please let me know. I'll be happy to try to explain it.

Have a good week!

Commissioners pursue 50-year lease for pool

The Kinney County Commissioners Court agreed to allow County Attorney Tully Shahan to proceed with negotiations for allowing the city of Brackettville to lease the county's swimming pool under a 50-year interlocal agreement.

The commissioners discussed the length of the contract at Monday's regular meeting. Officials first discussed 10- and 20-year agreements, but then opted to pursue a 50-year deal.

"If the city is thinking about putting in some improvements and that type of thing, they may not think it's worthwhile to put those in for a short time," Precinct 1 Commissioner Paul O'Rourke said.

Shahan added, "They need a long-term contract where they

will feel comfortable with spending those funds."

Precinct 3 Commissioner Joe Williams made the motion to pursue a 50-year agreement, which was seconded by Joe Montalvo of Precinct 2. O'Rourke and Precinct 1 Commissioner Freddie Frerich also voted for the measure.

"I think, in essence, it's an expense that the county doesn't need to incur, but it is a service that needs to be provided in the community," County Judge Herb Senne said.

Frerich added that the county will help maintain the pool with "what our budget allows and what the current commissioners court at that time deems feasible."

EMS organization appreciates donations

First and foremost, we would like to thank everyone who has made donations to Kinney County EMS.

Due to advising people to donate to the EMS via the Volunteer Organization, we do not have everyone's names.

However, we have been advised by the County Auditor Cordelia Barlow that we, the Kinney County EMS personnel, can accept donations.

Therefore, in the future, we will be sending thank you notes to everyone who makes a donation to the EMS via our office. Until then, we would like to express our thanks to all those who have made a donation in memory of Mr. Howard Skelton and send our most heart felt condolences to his family.

Out of 10 people who had originally stated their interest in taking the ECA class, six have committed themselves to completing the course.

The names of these outstanding individuals are Eddie Esparza, Nichole and Steve Flores, Juan Hernandez, Elena Luna and Nancy Rodriguez.

We appreciate their dedication to taking this course; we wish them all the best of luck in completing it, and look forward to working with them.

The Kinney County EMS Volunteer Organization, headed by Rose Mary Slubar, provided an instructor for these individuals to take a required CPR class. Rose Mary has stated that her organization will be scheduling another CPR class that will be available to the general public at a later date.

As you read in last week's Sheriff's Report, we had a very unusual night on Aug. 31.

We had three EMS calls within hours of each other. This resulted in both ambulances being gone with no attendants, or ambulances left to care for the third call.

We appreciate Mary Jane Garcia, EMT, Nichole Flores, driver, and Marie Hepline, EMT, for coming to the aide of the second call even though they were not scheduled to give any hours that night.

At the time of the third call, County 9 was heading to Uvalde and County 8 had been gone approximately 20 minutes en route to Del Rio.

As soon as the attendants who were on County 9 heard the request for the third EMS call, the driver, Ricky Alvarado, EMT, advised the Sheriff's Office to call Val Verde EMS to request their response to the third call.

We delivered our patient as quickly as we could without causing the patient more pain or en-

dangerment to Uvalde Memorial Hospital and headed back to Kinney County with our lights flashing.

We hope that we are never faced with this kind of situation again, where the people of our community are left without coverage while we are out responding to another call.

Thanks to our ECA students, once they have passed their state exam, we won't be in this predicament again.

However, they won't be available to actively work on a patient until December, unless they are acting as good samaritans and performing CPR.

We would again like to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of having your houses numbered and state the location of the patient if they are not at the address of the 911 caller.

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By Ruby Meyer, EMT

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BUSINESS

Physician assistant joins staff at Uvalde Bone & Joint Clinic

Darla Foster, a certified physician assistant with extensive orthopaedic experience, has joined the staff of Uvalde Bone & Joint Clinic.

Foster went through three years of pre-medical courses at Texas A&M University in College Station, followed by a two year Physician Assistant program at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Foster graduated from UTMD in August 1988 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physician Assistant Studies.

She is no stranger to this area, having worked previously at both Uvalde County Clinic, and Uvalde Memorial Hospital's Health Care Clinic.

"I am very please to have Darla join our orthopaedic team," stated Uvalde orthopaedic surgeon Gloria G. Box, M.D., who owns and operates Uvalde Bone & Joint Clinic.

"We literally conducted a nationwide search with the extensive orthopaedic experience and strong academic background that I re-

quired." Uvalde Bone & Joint Clinic is located at 1025 Garner Field Road.

BISD Cafeteria Menu

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<p>Breakfast Menu</p> <p>Friday, Sept. 12 Cinnamon Orange Squares Fruit or Fruit Juice</p> <p>Monday, Sept. 15 Waffles Syrup Fruit or Fruit Juice</p> <p>Tuesday, Sept. 16 Bean & Cheese Burritos Picante Fruit or Fruit Juice</p> <p>Wednesday, Sept. 17 Biscuits & Gravy Fruit or Fruit Juice</p> <p>Thursday, Sept. 18 Banana Muffins Fruit or Fruit Juice</p>	<p>Lunch Menu</p> <p>Friday, Sept. 12 Baked Chicken Whipped Potatoes/Cream Gravy Vegetable/Roll</p> <p>Monday, Sept. 15 Grilled Ham Sandwich Oven Fries Pineapple Chunks</p> <p>Tuesday, Sept. 16 Lasagna Seasoned Green Beans Chilled Peaches/Garlic Bread</p> <p>Wednesday, Sept. 17 Meat & Cheese Nachos Spanish Rice/Beans Dichos Cookie</p> <p>Thursday, Sept. 18 Hamburger/Oven Fries Burger Salad/Vanilla Pudding</p>
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New member inducted into Rotary Club

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The first meeting in September of the Brackettville Rotary Club welcomed a new member, Joe Hardin, who works for Central Power and Light. Pastor Joe Townsend conducted the induction ceremony.

The program was presented by J.J. Guidry, news editor of the local newspaper, on how the Brackett News is put together and goes to press. The entire newspaper is run by a small staff consisting of two and a half paid employees. Guidry does most of the writing and editing.

Dimple Henry is office manager. She does the billing, proof reads and does other tasks related to putting the paper together. A part time typist, Cindy Vasquez, is on staff.

Jewel Robinson is the publisher of the newspaper and handles some of the duties for selling advertising right now, but they are looking for someone to hire on a full time basis. She also proof reads and performs other tasks. Wes Robinson, Jewel Robinson's son, works for Leona Ranch from an office in the same building. He serves as Managing Editor and also lends his talents to putting together the paper.

The newspaper holds a membership in the Texas Press Association. Guidry calls upon their services to clarify certain things that come up from time to time. They can help on legal questions and at times can secure information unavailable under ordinary circumstances.

As he writes and edits, one of the references Guidry uses is The Associated Press Style Book. In it, one can find the answers to such puzzles as what does or does not need capitalizing, the correct ways



J.J. Guidry spoke at last week's Rotary meeting, at which Joe Hardin was inducted as a new member. Photo by Eric McMaster

to address dignitaries, whether or not to hyphenate, and countless other helpful aids in writing.

Guidry then discussed the matter of advertising. He said that it makes or breaks a newspaper since it financially supports the actual production. With enough advertising, the paper could consist of 12 to 14 pages a week, which he considers ideal, but without a full time sales person, they've been running about eight.

Guidry took his listeners through the steps involved in getting the paper ready to go to press. He said that the staff depends a lot on some local writers and news about events or people in Brackettville. This is helpful in the sense that the paper is primary devoted to local news. A state or national issue may be included, but it is not the paper's primary focus.

When a story comes in, it is typed into the computer. Then, it goes to Dimple Henry and Jewel Robinson each for proof reading. They mark any mistakes, and then Guidry edits it. Once it is corrected, the decision is made as to placement, and Guidry designs it to fit the page.

In the process of designing the

pages, they will use perhaps three or four pieces of paper. A dummy page is then made up, and Guidry showed his audience an example of one.

He noted that many newspapers have printers capable of printing out an entire newspaper page. But a small paper such as this one doesn't have a printer that large. The paper can be designed on the computer, but it is printed in strips.

The paper is then taken to Hondo where it is printed. Each page is made into a negative. The boxes appear in red because they would come out black otherwise, then the photos are added. The negative sheets then become plates which actually go into the printing press.

In answer to questions asked at the end of the presentation, Guidry said the paper was started in 1989. Another Brackett News had existed several years back, and the present masthead was taken from it.

Several members expressed compliments regarding the quality of the paper. Guidry, himself, was also credited with having contributed a lot to its success.

supply, water quality, flood control, or state participation from one category of use to another category to maximize the use of existing funds and relating to more efficient operation of the bond programs."

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 31 proposes a constitutional amendment which would authorize home equity lending, in which a loan could be secured by a lien against the borrower's homestead. The amendment would also establish several provisions providing for consumer protection in the home equity lending process.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The amendment to the Texas Constitution expanding the types of liens for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowner's consent, may place against a homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 96 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to authorize a property tax of five cents for each \$100 valuation in rural fire prevention districts which are located in Harris County. The constitution currently authorizes a property tax of three cents for each \$100 valuation in rural fire prevention districts regardless of what county they are in.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize an ad valorem tax rate in rural fire prevention districts located in Harris County of five cents on each \$100 of taxable value of property."

PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 33 proposes a constitutional amendment to permanently dedicate monies from the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund (and its auxiliary fund) so that they are used only for assisting victims of crime and not for any other purpose. If an episode of mass violence occurred, however, money from the funds could be used to assist victims of the mass violence if all other sources of authorized emergency assistance were depleted first.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment designating the purposes for which money in the compensation to victims of crime fund and the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund may be used."

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 59 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the Legislature from authorizing additional state debt payable from the general revenue fund if the resulting annual debt service (the amount needed each year to make payments) would exceed five percent of the annual general revenue avail-

Texas Wildlife Expo scheduled for October

AUSTIN - One of the nation's premier events for engaging youth and new constituents in the outdoor experience has expanded its scope for 1997, with a new seminar series designed to teach visitors the basics of hunting, fishing, bird watching, kayaking and other outdoor pastimes; a major new section devoted to camping; and a completely redesigned, more visitor-friendly layout for the event's 30-acre grounds.

The 1997 Texas Wildlife Expo will take place at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department headquarters at 4200 Smith School Road in southeast Austin on Saturday and Sunday, October 4 & 5. The event runs 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Texas Wildlife Expo is free to the public, with on-site parking available at no charge.

Expo encompasses a wide variety of outdoor activities and sports, and focuses on fun, hands-on learning experiences which acquaint visitors with Texas' outdoor recreational opportunities while educating them about their responsibilities as users of the outdoors.

Baseball legend Nolan Ryan is chairman of this year's Expo. The former Texas Ranger pitcher is also vice-chairman of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

"Texas Wildlife Expo has become an occasion where families come together to enjoy the outdoors and pass on a legacy of conservation," said Ryan, an avid outdoorsman. "We give the children of Texas an opportunity to come out and get involved, pick up a fishing pole and catch a fish, see live animals and ask questions about habitat preservation, and participate in the many other hands-on events. All of these are reasons why I have supported Texas Wildlife Expo since it be-

come over the last three fiscal years, excluding revenues constitutionally dedicated for purposes other than payment of state debt.

The term "additional state debt" does not include bonds that, although backed by the full faith and credit of the state, are reasonably expected to be paid from revenue sources other than the general revenue fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment limiting the amount of state debt payable from the general revenue fund."

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 55 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that if the Texas Supreme Court does not act on a motion for a rehearing within 180 days of the motion's filing, the motion is denied.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to establish a deadline for supreme court action on a motion for rehearing."

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 8 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the Texas Tomorrow trust fund dedicated exclusively to the prepayment of tuition and fees for higher education. The amendment would guarantee that if there is not enough money during any fiscal year to pay the appropriate tuition and required fees, the needed money will be appropriated out of the first available money coming into the state treasury each fiscal year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to encourage persons to plan and save for young Texans' college education, to extend the full faith and credit of the state to protect the Texas tomorrow fund of the prepaid higher education tuition program, and to establish the Texas tomorrow fund as a constitutionally protected trust fund."

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 83 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to set the official qualifications for constables.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of constables."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 4 de noviembre de 1997. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711.

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



gan in 1992."

On the first weekend of every October, the event transforms TPWD's headquarters into a bustling fairgrounds with dozens of hands-on activities ranging from target shooting and fishing to rock climbing and kayaking.

Expo is a free, family-oriented event produced by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in partnership with private industry and conservation groups. The event benefits the Expo Conservation Scholarship Fund of the nonprofit Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas, Inc.

Texas Wildlife Expo '96 was attended by more than 35,000 people. More than 200 exhibitors representing all facets of the outdoor recreation industry as well as conservation groups will have booths at this year's event.

Expo features interactive attractions, demonstrations, exhibits and workshops - many designed especially for children and young people - about hunting, fishing, wildlife management and conservation, birding, biking, rock climbing, camping, state parks, Texas' cultural heritage, kayaking, canoeing and boating safety, habitat preservation, wildscaping, freshwater and marine life, game calling and more.

New to Expo this year are the 101 Outdoor Seminar Series and an area devoted to camping, a common thread running through most outdoor experiences. A large camping section is an expanded focus this year. Major manufacturers and retailers will be on hand to discuss the equipment and know-how needed for a successful camping experience.

But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



Who was that masked man?

Two of my favorite sayings came from a former teacher.

Many times in school, when we thought a particular task was too hard, I recall hearing him say, "If it was easy, anybody could do it."

Since those days of yore, quite often I have had to remind myself that rewards come only to those who are willing to take risks and try to do what is considered difficult, or sometimes even impossible.

If I accomplish my goal, I'm proud. If I fail, at least I have the satisfaction of knowing I tried.

The other proverb he liked to quote was "Sometimes you have to do the right thing just because it's the right thing to do."

That's the hardest one for me to remember. Most of the time, I want to do what is best for me. It's difficult for me to stay focused on what is best for everyone.

Doing the right thing isn't always the easiest route, nor the one that's most popular with others. And not all of the teachings of my former mentors fell on deaf ears. But, I could be wrong.

Sorority News

Ritual of Jewels of Beta Sigma Phi

The Ritual of Jewels of Beta Sigma Phi met at Barbara's Table for a delightful luncheon on Tuesday, August 26th. Those in attendance were Dee Curry, Dorothy Frank, Opal Groce, Judy Hooker, Hazel Ivey, Marla Madrid, Pam Melancon, and Flo Stafford. We enjoyed the soup, salad, and sandwich while reuniting with our sisters.

The Beta Epsilon Omicron

The Beta Epsilon Omicron met at the home of Ruby Cheaney on Sept. 4. The members present were Ruby Cheaney, Dee Curry, Dorothy Frank, Judy Hooker, Hazel Ivey, Marla Madrid, and Pam Melancon.

The opening ritual was led by Marla Madrid. New business was discussed concerning new rushes and Fort Clark Days. The Beta reader, Ruby Cheaney, enlightened us on rules concerning responsibilities of active and non-active members.

The meeting was adjourned and Pam Melancon presented the program. We enjoyed a "little bit of Mexico." The program included a presentation of some of the tourist attractions which have been visited by the Melancons and many beautiful and interesting pictures. We also enjoyed refreshments served by Ruby Cheaney.

Theta Sigma

Theta Sigma Chapter begins the new season with a lunch meeting at "Barbaras' Table" in Brackettville. The luncheon was planned by Alecia Raymer, chairman of the Social Committee.

The table was decorated with hearts, to remind us that the theme this year is "Sisters of the Heart". Eleven members were present for the beginning day luncheon. Several of our members have not returned from cooler climates, where they have spent the summer. It was great! Getting together again and we wish all members could have joined us.

Year books, listing the schedule for the coming year were distributed by Luella Gilliland.

On Sept. 2, Theta Sigma Chapter met in the home of Vickie Bell for the first meeting of the season. President Nancy Frerich led the Opening Ritual and called the meeting to order.

There were no committee reports but Nancy read a communication from the International Executive Council of Beta Sigma Phi awarding our chapter a Three Star Rating for 1996-1997, indicating outstanding success in bringing friendship and social and cultural opportunities to each member.

Nancy read a second communication from Brackett High School thanking our chapter for our donation to Project Graduation. The letter was signed by members of the senior class of 1997 and their sponsor Susan Harrison.

Nancy turned the meeting over to Vickie Bell who presented an excellent program on the use of Herbs. Vickie told of the history and growing of Herbs. She has an Herb garden of her own. Some of the Herbs were given to the members to examine that we might become more familiar with the scents and textures of the plants.

The meeting was dismissed with the Closing Ritual and Mizpah. A social time with refreshments of sandwiches, cake and ice cream was enjoyed by Pat McKelvy, Alecia Raymer, Luella Gilliland, Marge Geeze, Doraline Keller, Gaye Kurz, Bobbie Waddill, Betty Inman, Ann Hibler, and Nancy Frerich, was prepared and served by Vickie Bell.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS
OF PROPOSED

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SPECIAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 1997

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 36 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow a person to hold the position of municipal judge in more than one municipality.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow a person who holds the office of municipal court judge to hold at the same time more than one civil office for which the person receives compensation."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 43 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to limit the maximum annual increase in homestead appraisals for each year since the most recent tax appraisal. The amendment would also permit the legislature to allow the governing body of a school district to elect to apply the law providing for the transfer of the age-65-and-older school property tax freeze to the person's new homestead, if the move to the new residence homestead occurred before the law took effect.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to limit increases in the appraised value of residence homesteads for ad valorem taxation and to permit a school district to calculate the school property tax freeze applicable to the residence homestead of an elderly person or the surviving spouse of an elderly person in accordance with the law authorizing the transfer of the school property tax freeze to a different homestead regardless of whether that law was in effect at the time the person established the person's homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 45 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to authorize counties, cities, towns, and other local taxing entities to grant exemptions or other forms of ad valorem tax relief on property on which approved water conservation initiatives have been implemented.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to permit a taxing unit to grant an exemption or other relief from ad valorem taxes on property on which a water conservation initiative has been implemented."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 104 proposes an

amendment to update the Texas Constitution by deleting duplicate numbering in its provisions and removing certain of its obsolete portions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment eliminating duplicate numbering in and certain obsolete provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 19 proposes an amendment to allow the Supreme Court of Texas to hold sessions at any location in this state. Currently, the court is limited to holding sessions only at Austin, the seat of state government.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the supreme court to sit to transact business at any location in this state."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 39 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the current provision which provides that the board of the Texas Growth Fund may not invest money in a business unless the business has disclosed to the board whether it has any direct financial investment in or with South Africa or Namibia.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing the Texas growth fund to continue to invest in businesses without requiring those businesses to disclose investments in South Africa or Namibia."

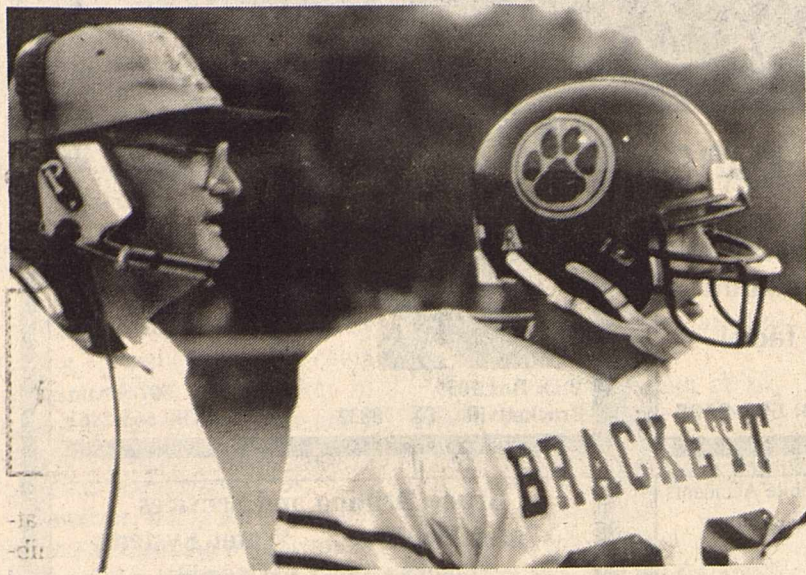
PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 17 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the Texas Water Development Fund II as a fund separate and distinct from the Texas Water Development Fund. The amendment would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to administer the fund and issue general obligation bonds for purposes of the fund under guidelines set forth in the amendment.

The amendment would also allow the Board to use loan repayments coming into the fund after the end of the fiscal year to make bond debt service payments, and would provide certain conditions for the flow of funds for repayment of Texas agricultural water conservation bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment relating to the authorization to the Texas Water Development Board to transfer existing bond authorizations for water



Coach Roy Rokovich, quarterback J. Wayne Ballew and the Brackett Tigers will host D'Hanis tomorrow night at 7:30. Both teams lost their season openers in overtime last week. Tomorrow is also Parents' Night for Brackett.

Tigers look for first win

The Brackett Tigers will host the D'Hanis Cowboys in their home opener tomorrow night at 7:30.

Parents' night is also scheduled for tomorrow's non-district football contest.

"The kids are real excited about playing at home," Brackett coach Roy Rokovich said. "We're ready to play."

Both teams lost in overtime last week. The Tigers fell to Sabinal, 20-13, and D'Hanis lost 12-6 to Center Point.

"I think D'Hanis has a real solid ball club," Rokovich said.

"They have some really good kids. They always play Brackett tough. It should be a really good football game."

Kris Benke led the Cowboys' running game against Center Point, picking up 72 yards on 15 carries.

"Benke is a real tough kid," Rokovich said. "He does some great things. I'm really impressed with him."

Also starting in D'Hanis' backfield is quarterback Phillip Rothe and running back James Bermea.

"Bermea is a good runner and Rhode is a solid quarterback," Rokovich said.

The Tigers had 275 yards in total offense against Sabinal, including 251 yards on the ground.

Demitreus Williams led Brackett with 70 yards rushing on 10 carries, Jorge Rodriguez had 62 yards on 16 totes, Wes Baker finished with 51 yards on five attempts, J. Wayne Ballew rushed for 44 yards on eight carries, and Brent Smith had 24 yards on five attempts.

"We have four or five backs that can carry the ball and do a good

job," Rokovich said. "When you have those type of kids, you have to use them."

Brackett's defense shut down Sabinal's running game, allowing the Yellowjackets only four yards rushing.

"Our defense played great against the run," Rokovich said. "I thought they did a real good job of getting to the football. I was real pleased."

Briefs ...

Tigerettes come up short against Leakey

The junior varsity Tigerettes fell the Leakey Lady Eagles in volleyball action on Saturday.

Leakey finally came out on top, picking up a 16-14, 11-15, 16-14 victory.

Brackett's junior varsity is 4-6 on the season. The Tigerettes face Del Rio on the road Tuesday at 5:30.

The freshman team was open on Saturday. The ninth graders, who are 0-2, will compete in the Eagle Pass tournament on Saturday.

Eighth graders keep perfect record intact

The Brackett Cubettes eighth grade volleyball team remained unbeaten after defeating Del Rio 15-12, 16-14 on Monday.

The Cubettes, 3-0 overall, defeated Eagle Pass 16-14, 15-5 last Thursday.

The seventh grade team, which is 0-3 on the season, lost to Del Rio 15-1, 15-9.

The Cubettes dropped a 15-11, 16-14 decision against Eagle Pass last week.

The junior high volleyball teams resume action Monday as they host Eagle Pass Memorial. Action begins at 5.

Lady Eagles edge rally to Tigerettes in three games

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

After battling for three games, the Leakey Lady Eagles edged the Brackett Tigerettes 4-15, 15-1, 15-10 Saturday in non-district volleyball action.

The Tigerettes, who will compete in the Utopia tournament Saturday, drop to 3-3 on the season.

Brackett pulled within one point in the third game of the contest at 8-7 after Katy Hagler converted on two consecutive kills, but Leakey scored six unanswered points to take a commanding 14-7 lead.

Tina Meek led Brackett's offensive attack in the contest with seven kills and three blocks.

Hagler finished with five kills, Patty Lopez had four, and Lindsey Brotherton added one.

Brotherton also chipped in 16 assists and Hilda Aguirre had one.

Aguirre served three aces in the contest, Brotherton and Stephanie Terrazas both had two, and Hagler added one.

Terrazas paced the defensive effort with 14 digs. Aguirre, Meek and Jennifer Ashabrunner each had four digs, Hagler and Lopez picked up two apiece, and Brotherton had one.

Yellowjackets edge Tigers in OT, 20-13

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

SABINAL - Lane Pepper scored on a 2-yard run in overtime Friday night to lift the Sabinal Yellowjackets to a 20-13 victory over the Brackett Tigers in the season opener for both teams.

"The effort was outstanding," Brackett coach Roy Rokovich said after the loss. "I thought our kids really played hard. They did some great things."

Brackett started the OT period on offense. A penalty forced the Tigers into a 4th-and-10 situation from the 25-yard line and Ryan Spring intercepted a pass in the end zone to end the drive.

Sabinal's offense then took over and crossed the goal line after four plays.

"It feels great," Yellowjackets coach Doug Spring said after the contest. "It was the first overtime game I have been involved in."

"We played good in spots, and I'm sure Coach Rokovich would say the same thing. We did some things good and there are some things we need to improve on," added Spring, who spent four seasons as the head coach at Brackett.

Sabinal quarterback Colin Trulove completed 20

of 23 passes for 210 yards to pace the Yellowjackets' attack.

"Colin did a real good job," Spring said. "He made a lot of real good decisions tonight."

Trulove connected with Baudel Fuentes for two TD passes, covering 31 and 27 yards, respectively.

Both teams ended the contest with 12 first downs. Brackett had 275 yards on offense and Sabinal finished with 214.

"Our secondary played well," Spring said. "We still need to work on our front seven. Brackett did a good job of getting the ball to our weak spot. They're physical and they have some good running backs. They forced some breakdowns."

Brackett took a 7-6 lead in the contest with 8:43 left in the second period as Wes Baker scored on a 19-yard run. Jose Gonzalez booted the extra point.

The Tigers went up 13-6 as Jorge Rodriguez plunged in from the 1-yard line at the 11:29 mark in the third quarter.

Spring said he thinks his former team will fare well in the District 30-2A race.

"We scrimmaged Charlotte and I think Brackett compares pretty favorable," he said. "I think they have a real shot at beating Charlotte. It's going to be a close game."

Tigers-Yellowjackets game report

Yellowjackets 20, Tigers 13 (OT)

Brackett	0	7	0	0	0	13
Sabinal	6	0	0	7	7	20

First Quarter

Sabinal - Baudel Fuentes 31 pass from Colin Trulove (kick failed), 3:37. Drive: 31 yards, 1 play, :08. Key play: Patrick Meyer fumble recovery at Tigers' 31. Sabinal 6, Brackett 0.

Second Quarter

Brackett - Wes Baker 19 run (Jose Gonzalez kick), 8:43. Drive: 33 yards, 4 plays, 1:52. Key plays: Xavier Toms fumble recovery at Yellowjackets' 33, Demitreus Williams 10 run. Brackett 7, Sabinal 6.

Fourth Quarter

Brackett - Jorge Rodriguez 1 run (kick failed), 11:29. Drive: 93 yards, 12 plays, 6:30. Key plays: J. Wayne Ballew 35 run on 3rd-and-8, Wes Baker 15 run on 3rd-and-13, Brent Smith 22 run to Yellowjackets' 15. Brackett 13, Sabinal 6.

Sabinal - Baudel Fuentes 27 pass from Colin Trulove (Fuentes kick), 6:44. Drive: 80 yards, 10 plays, 4:45. Key plays: Lane Pepper 12 pass from Trulove on 3rd-and-10, Patrick Meyer 22 pass from Trulove. Brackett 13, Sabinal 13.

Overtime

Sabinal - Lane Pepper 2 run (Fuentes kick).

Drive: 25 yards, 4 plays. Key play: John Driskill 16 pass from Colin Trulove to Tigers' 9. Sabinal 20, Brackett 13.

TEAM STATISTICS

	BRA	SAB
FIRST DOWNS	12	12
Rushing	11	3
Passing	1	7
Penalty	0	2
THIRD DOWN EFF.	4-11	3-9
FOURTH DOWN EFF.	1-4	1-3
TOTAL NET YARDS	275	214
Total Plays	54	47
Avg Gain	5.1	4.6
NET YARDS RUSHING	251	4
Rushes	44	24
Avg per rush	5.7	0.2
NET YARDS PASSING	24	210
Completed-Att.	3-10	20-23
Yards-Pass Play	2	9.1
Sacks-Yards lost	1-3	4-36
Had intercepted	3	0
PUNTS-Avg.	2-18	4-36
TOTAL RETURN YARDS	82	9
Punt Returns	37	0
Kickoff returns	45	-2
Interceptions	0	11
PENALTIES-Yards	12-100	10-85
FUMBLES-Lost	2-1	2-1
TIME OF POSSESSION	23:38	24:22

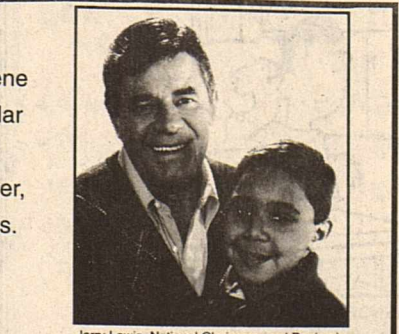
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	
Brackett - Demitreus Williams	10-70, Jorge Rodriguez 16-62, Wes Baker 5-51, J. Wayne Ballew 8-44, Brent Smith 5-24.
Sabinal - Lane Pepper	12-27, Patrick Meyer 6-14, Ryan Spring 1-2, Colin Trulove 5-(-39).
PASSING	
Brackett - J. Wayne Ballew	3-10-3 24.
Sabinal - Colin Trulove	20-23-0 210.
RECEIVING	
Brackett - Brian Flores	2-18, Jorge Rodriguez 1-6.
Sabinal - Baudel Fuentes	3-62, Patrick Meyer 5-47, John Driskill 5-46, Jaimie Van Pelt 3-26, Lane Pepper 3-23, Matt Clark 1-6.
PUNT RETURNS	
Brackett - Rene Luna	3-37.
Sabinal - None.	
KICKOFF RETURNS	
Brackett - Rene Luna	2-23, J. Wayne Ballew 1-22.
Sabinal - Lane Pepper	2-(-2).
INTERCEPTIONS	
Brackett - None.	
Sabinal - John Driskill	1-11, Ryan Spring 1-0, Abel Alejandro 1-0.
MISSED FIELD GOALS	
Brackett - None.	
Sabinal - Baudel Fuentes	30.

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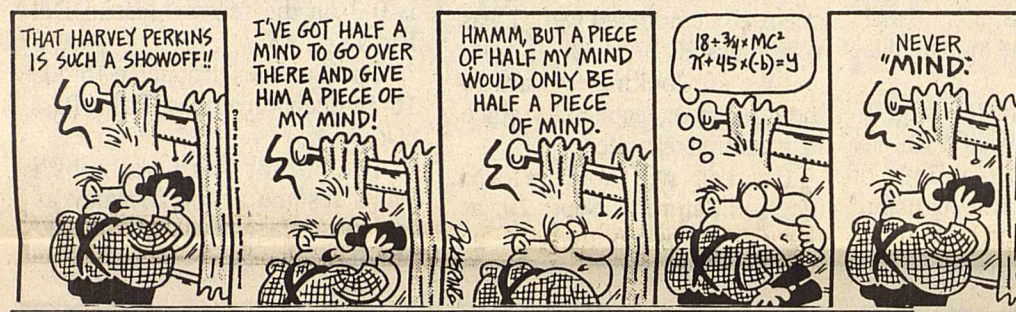
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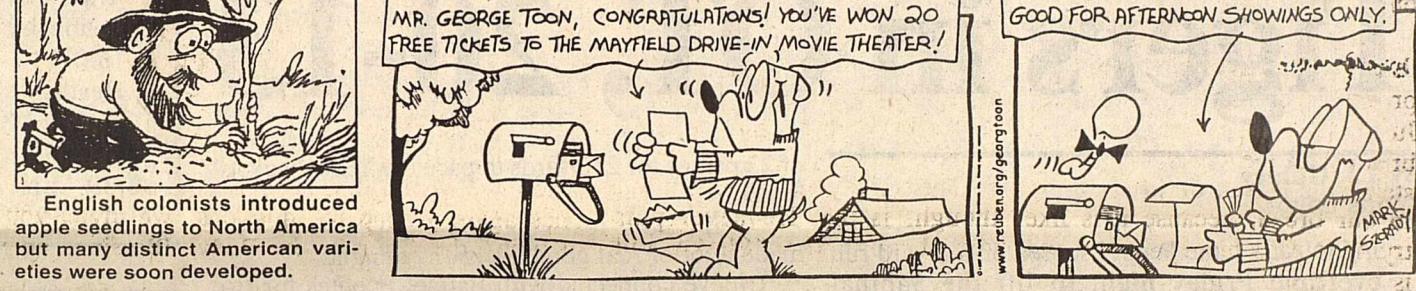
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A crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares and a list of clues. Clues include: 1 French novelist George, 5 Excessively severe, 15 Caesar's nemesis, 19 Lotion ingredient, 20 Palm cocktail, 21 Czech playwright, 22 'Carry Me Back to the Prairie', 23 Wilde's 'The Ballad of Reading', 24 Incomplete line, in printing, 25 Woody vine, 28 Coney Island's Park, 27 Glen Campbell's home state, 29 Novelist's friend, abbr., 31 Edna Ferber's home state, 33 Miseries, 34 Woman's capella garment, 36 Harlow's rival, 37 Damage award, 40 Court award, 42 Speaks pompously, 46 Beast of burden, 47 German war god, 48 Phil Donahue, for one, 50 Egyptian peninsula, 51 Cleveland's lake, 52 Seasoned game dish, 54 Biblical place, 56 On the moment, 57 Orinoco tributary, 58 Long, tiresome speeches, 60 'You Kind of Glad We Did', 62 'Able was I', 63 H.L. Mencken's home state, 65 Large-eyed lemur, 67 She turned men to stone, 69 Dumbo's 'wings', 70 Military fortification, 71 State bird of 9 Down, 72 Tom Bodett's home state, 75 Untamed, 76 Edgar Allan Poe's home state, 80 Pro (for the time being, for short), 81 Movie critic Roger, 83 Night-Mexican, 85 Flightless bird, 86 Secular, 88 'Siammin' Sam, 90 Word with days or dressing, 91 Castle feature, 92 English horse-racing, 94 Whitty and Anderson, 96 'For a jolly...', 97 Popular board game, 98 Closed a hawk's eyes, 100 Natives of 9 Down, 102 Talks back, 103 Bread spread, 105 Swiss measure, 106 Pouchlike parts, 107 Fred Astaire's home state, 111 Footed vase, 112 One of the U.S. Virgin Islands, 116 Olive genus, 117 Indiana cager, 119 Unnaturally deep sleep, 121 African river, 122 Winter vehicle, 123 Suppose, 124 Nest-building fish, 125 Pro - perhaps, 126 Long lunch?, 127 'Where - of grass break...' (Swinburne), 128 Throat-culture germ, for short, 129 Pedestal occupant, DOWN, 1 Long story, 2 Winglike, 3 Secluded spot, 4 John P. Marquand's home state, 5 Ship's mooring rope, 6 Opera bonuses, 7 X-ray exposure units, 8 Theater sign, 9 Daniel Inouye's home state, 10 Jim Thorpe's home state, 11 Cabine monkey, 12 Ancient Syria, 13 Francis of soap-opera fame, 14 Choices, 15 Benny Goodman's home state, 16 Actor McClure, 17 Sicilian resort, 18 Connery or O'Casey, 28 Hawaiian term, 30 The highest point, 32 School dances, 34 Log transport, perhaps, 35 Release from shackles, 37 Structural member, 38 Ancient vase-making material, 39 Head of a monastery, 40 Was under the weather, 41 'The Green', 43 Detach, 44 Bull in combination, 45 Air raid warning, 47 Mountain lakes, 49 'All About', 52 Beetles, 53 Undesirable worker, 55 Made wrathful, 58 Quench, 59 Fountain, 60 House or room starter, 64 Recording group, 66 Unhealthy chest sounds, 68 Biblical name, 70 Jerusalem, 71 East Indian palm trees, 72 Burden-bearer, 73 Legal document, 74 Ecclesiastical vestment, 75 Odd notion, 76 Secluded valleys, 77 Broadway, 78 Likeness, 79 Detroit products, 82 Ultimate goal, 84 Harlot of Jericho, 87 Mamie Eisenhower's home state, 89 Replacement teeth, 91 Walt Disney's home state, 93 Tissue, 95 German coal-mining region, 97 One of the three B's, 99 Absolute ruler, 101 Amelia Earhart's home state, 102 Petty tyrant, 104 Giraffe's tusks, 106 House or room starter, 107 Enjoy a snack, 108 Fashion magazine, 109 Ginger or root/follower, 110 Sour substance, 112 Train for the bout, 113 Lake formed by the Hoover Dam, 114 Choir section, 115 Zoo favorite, 118 Opposed to WSW, 120 It's before Nov.

MAGIC MAZE

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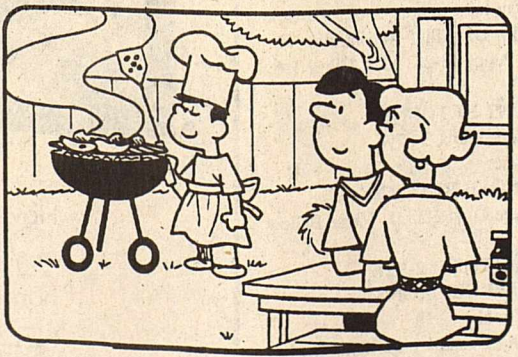
Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Be patient with a stressful matter between yourself and a friend over a business matter. Use discretion in what you say. Don't harp on trivialities, especially this weekend. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're bored and restless, but be prepared for a major development to arise this week. The situation motivates you. By week's end, you're back in the swing of things. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You have a tendency to forget things this week. Make more of an effort to concentrate on tasks at hand. The weekend is good for sharing fun times with friends. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't get frustrated if some family members interrupt you. Keep focused on the project or plans you have had in place. All will work out in the long run. LEO (July 23 to August 22) While you have the itch to socialize, time is better spent at home this week, reviewing where your life is headed. The results are bound to be refreshing. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's no time to give in to depression. It's time to stop the downside of your personality and get with the program. Be confident. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A friend from afar gets in touch with eye-opening news in the beginning of the week. A new career opportunity requires immediate attention. You receive good financial news. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before indulging, take a good look at your financial stand-



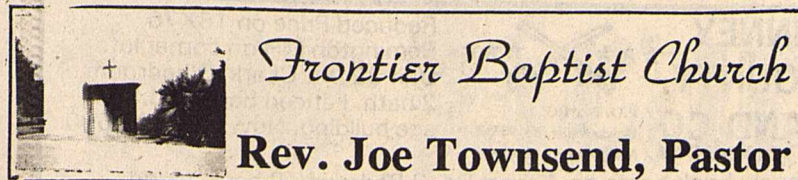
ing. Saving for the future is your best bet. The weekend accents romance. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An early-week outdoor adventure with friends or family might surprise you. Relaxation is the key, so forget about work matters. Getting back to nature is the important thing. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be careful when credit matters come into the picture. While you are able to impress others, you should be worrying more about yourself. Use shrewd judgment with financial dealings. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Be sure that you give yourself enough time to get things in order on the home front. Unexpected company could drop by sometime this week. Someone is really counting on your advice. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Make a caring gesture toward a loved one this week. Your judgment is excellent, but it is best to express yourself in writing as opposed to the spoken word. © 1997 King Features Synd., Inc.

HOCUS-FOCUS



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS. Differences: 1. Hot dogs are missing. 2. Spatula is smaller. 3. Apron is shorter. 4. Necktie is different. 5. Bell is missing. 6. Bottle is missing.

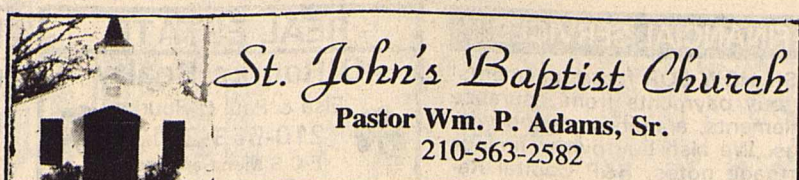
HAPPY BIRTHDAY Sept. 11 Josie Rivas Sept. 11 Nell S. Pharr Sept. 11 Manuela Enriquez Sept. 11 Lucy Shipman Sept. 12 Leslie Houk Sept. 13 Irma Perez Sept. 14 Amelia Kohler Sept. 14 Mary Lee Haby Sept. 14 Alfred Anaya Sept. 15 Mary Hernandez Sept. 16 Josefina Sanchez Sept. 16 Jonathan Pinales Sept. 17 Rosane Dalton Sept. 17 Karen Crumley



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Jesus had just astounded the crowd by casting out an evil spirit. He had healed people of diverse diseases. He slipped away to rest for the night. Early in the morning his disciples came to him saying "All men seek for thee". They were making the plea that Jesus make himself available to heal yet more people with problems. Jesus replied, "Let us go on to the towns and villages ahead, for this cause came I into the world, to preach the word. No person ever has been able to duplicate the miracles of healing by Jesus Christ. These were done for two reasons. They were performed certainly to benefit those in need but also to demonstrate that He was Son of God and able to do all God could do. However, this was simply window dressing. He came into the world to die for the sins of mankind. He came to the eternal sacrifice that any person who trusted his sacrifice for his personal redemption would be redeemed and would spend all eternity in heaven. He made it plain that anyone who did not accept Him as Savior would spend an eternity in Hell. The pictures

painting in the Scripture of Hell are horrifying. It's terrible beyond belief to think of any person enduring the tortures of Hell for all eternity. Learning the tremendous cost of eternities aside the benefits of trusting Jesus in this world are beyond realization. True peace of mind cannot be found aside from Jesus Christ. If every person in the world knew Jesus as Savior, murders, robberies, rapes, and all deviate activities would cease. If all men knew Jesus there would be no suicide bombers, no terrorist slaughters. Following the teachings of a false religion simply grease the slide into Hell. Jesus said, "I am the way the truth and the Life. No man cometh to the Father but by me." This applies to every single person in the world. If every person in the world followed Jesus, wars would cease and heaven would be on earth. This is why Jesus came; to make it possible for all mankind to be redeemed. There will be another message from the Bible at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday at 11:00 AM. Come and be blessed.



St. John's Baptist Church
Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
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Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding bronze, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing.

Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; Love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not easily provoked thinketh no evil,

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Beareth all things, believeth

all things hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Love never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

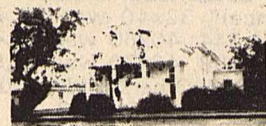
For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then, face to face; now I know in part, but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13.

St. John Missionary Church

First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

We're having a family reunion! Really, every Sunday is a time for a family reunion for Christians. We come together from our various paths of life and remind ourselves and celebrate that in Jesus Christ we are all one.

It seems, however, that every Sunday, for one reason or another, life takes a few of us in a different direction, thus we are not all together. On Sunday, Sept. 21, we will make a special effort to be together and to get it together. We have declared that day Rally Sunday, a day when we will rally ourselves once again around the missions of being the Church, the Body

of Christ. We are encouraging one another to be there and inviting friends. This is not an exclusive reunion, all those who are or who think they might want to be a Christian are urged to be there.

Some special things are planned for worship which begins at 11:00 a.m. There will be a pot luck lunch in the fellowship hall after the worship service. Sunday school for children and adults will begin at 9:45 a.m.

God's family is the best family in which to be. If you don't already have a church home, we invite you to be part of us. Blessings on you.

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

God uses a "Shake and Bake" process on us to give us "good taste". It for the purpose of purification of his people. This process is often painful, but it is for our own good.

First, he "shakes loose" the things in our lives which are not profitable or that may harm us. Just, as we do not enjoy eating bread with the "chaff" or hulls, stems, or leaves of wheat grain in our bread, because it is like trying to eat a piece of wood and is unpleasant to the taste, God wants his people to "have good taste". Therefore, he separates, the "chaff" from our lives. (Matt. 3:12) the things of God "taste" good, this is, in the spiritual realm, it is a delight to our soul, even as God is a delight to our soul. Psalms 34:8 says, "O taste and see for the Lord is good, blessed is the man that trusteth in Him."

Second, he "bakes" us, that is, he puts the fire to our "metal" (or souls) and brings us to a boil so that the impurities in our "metal" float to the surface where he can skim it off the top,

leaving only "pure golden" vessels to honor him as in 1 Peter 1:16-9 and becoming holy as in 1 Peter 1:16 "Be ye holy, for I am holy."

During this process, the Holy Spirit causes those impurities or "chaff" to become as weights around our necks. They no longer bring us the joy we used to have in them.

One thing you may count on, though, is that He never puts you through the "Shake and Bake" process without having something even better to put in its place. Those things may not be as readily discerned by you at first, but time will reveal it to His good pleasure and purpose, and to your prosperity in soul and life.

Put your trust in Him during this "Shake and Bake" process and He will bring forth a "most excellent" product of glory and honor, and you will be able to say, "Taste, for it is good" and be a golden vessel of God to His Glory, Honor and Praise.

Stand in Faith, Rest in Hope, Walk in Love.

Unsung Hero
By Joe Townsend

There's a fine lady here who is a born and reared Brackettville product. She was outstanding as a basketball player in High School. She married an area ranch man. She has spent her life living on the ranch. She is a fine mother with three outstanding children. She is devoted to her husband. She has a great multitude of friends here throughout the area. She has always been supportive of her parents and now is of great assistance to her mother in the activities claiming her concern. She is an enterprising lady and much loved. Surely Tulisha Wardlaw is an Unsung Hero.

"Happy Birthday"
Matie

Love Mother and Nobby

THANK YOU

The family of Howard Skelton, would like to thank everyone for all the loving support, cards and all the goodies brought to the house. A special thanks to Pastor Nathan Lafrenz and the ladies of the church for the beautiful memorial services and lunch afterwards.
 Amie Skelton and family

THANK YOU

Family and friends of Petra Terrazas wish to extend our sincere heartfelt gratitude for all who participated in one way or another in helping celebrate Petra's 100th birthday. God bless you all.

I know an Old Cowboy Preacher Folks call him brother, Tex. Ready to give the Lords point of view concerning life and love or sex He never went to cemetery He possesses no degrees But he tangles with the Devil and his Vermin with a sermon he recieved while on his knees Faces still get red over some of the things he said and some Folks say "Oh my what a shame" but when Folks think a bit they all admit Ol Brother, Tex makes things plain

"CRITICS"

Old Brother Tex says when you have done your best to meet every test You soon realize there are always Folks around that are prone to criticize

Theres no need to Fret or to be upset or to be overwrought Remember; Folks that are always criticizing others are just not capable of original thought

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Answers to Super Crossword

RAILROAD
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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Kinney County will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1997-1998 by 12.10 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The public hearing will be held Friday, September 19, 1997 at Kinney County Courtroom, Kinney County Courthouse, Brackettville, Texas at 11:00 a.m.

For the proposal: Freddie Frerich, Joe Montalvo, Joe V. Williams, Paul O' Rourke and Herb Senne

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

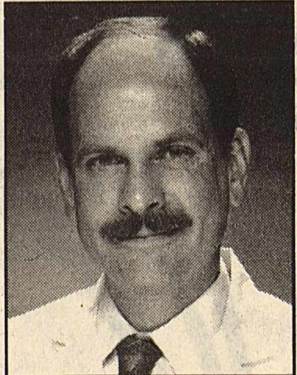
The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the 0.6690 tax rate that the unit published on September 4th, 1997. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Average taxable value	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Tax rate	.7634/\$100	.7500/\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$381.70	\$375.00 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would decrease by \$6.70 or 1.75 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would decrease by \$.0134 per \$100 of taxable value or 1.75 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):
 The Kinney County Auditor certifies that Kinney County has spent \$33,500.00 in the previous 12 months beginning August 30th, 1996, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Kinney County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

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Proper Treatment for Animal Bites

John R. Bowling, M.D., F.A.C.P.

Question: What is the proper treatment of an animal bite?

Answer: Estimates of dog bites range from one to two million a year and as many as 400,000 cat bites. These injuries may account for as much as one percent of all emergency room visits in the United States today. And some of these bites can be serious when you consider that some dogs can bite with a force of 150-450 pounds per square inch, enough to crush soft tissues as well as bone. Proper treatment of these injuries starts with correct action, follow through, and proper medical care.

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act normally, or was there anything strange about the behavior? Can you identify the owner, or do you know where the animal came from? Keep this information in mind as you get to the nearest location for emergency medical help. Report the accident to the police as soon as you can.

The medical treatment of the wound will depend upon its nature, location and extent. Antibiotic treatment to prevent infection will be one consideration, as well as a tetanus immunization. A booster may do if your vaccinations are up to date. Rabies vaccine may also be necessary, and that depends upon the identification of the animal, its behavior and the presence of rabies in your area. The wound may be sutured closed completely or merely closed loosely using adhesive strips, depending upon how clean it appears to be and the amount of tissue damage.

Dr. John R. Bowling is an internal medicine physician at the Scott & White Hospital and Clinic in Temple, Texas.

If you have a question, please write to: Scott & White Public Affairs Dept., 2401 S., 31st St., Temple, TX 76508

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The public hearing will be held on September 22, 1997, at 6:30 p.m., at 400 Ann Street (Central Office).

For the proposal: Lloyd Lee Davis Jr., Jim McDaniel, Gloria Garcia, Tim Ward, Steve LaMascus, and Darlene Shahan
Against the proposal: None
Present and not voting: None
Absent: Rose Mary Slubar.

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the 1.0751 tax rate that the unit published on 8/28/97. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$55,000	\$55,000
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$5,000	\$15,000
Average taxable value	\$50,000	\$40,000
Tax rate	1.2529/\$100	1.2119/\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$626.45	\$484.76 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would decrease by \$141.69 or 22.61 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would decrease by .041 per \$100 of taxable value or 3.27 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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