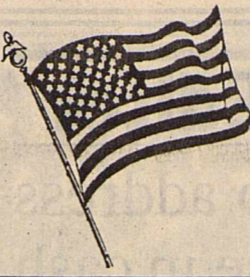


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Kinney County opts to join task force ... again

Just seven months after pulling out of the Allied Area Narcotics Task Force, Kinney County has joined a similar antidrug agency.

The Commissioners Court voted 4-1 Monday to join the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Eagle Pass Multi-Agency HIDTA Task Force.

Under the agreement passed at the special meeting, Kinney County will provide one deputy sheriff to work as a task force officer under the direct supervision of the DEA resident agent in charge.

"This costs nothing to the county," Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said. "They furnish everything. All we do is

furnish a deputy and they pay for it."

The agreement says the DEA will provide the necessary funds and equipment to support the activities of the special agent, and that the task force will provide the officer with a vehicle.

The document also says that the sheriff's office "will be responsible for establishing the salary and benefits, including overtime, for the officer assigned to the task force, and for making all payments due them."

"The DEA will, subject to availability of funds, reimburse the sheriff's office for overtime payments made by them to the officers assigned to the task force at an amount not to

exceed \$8,414 per year per deputy."

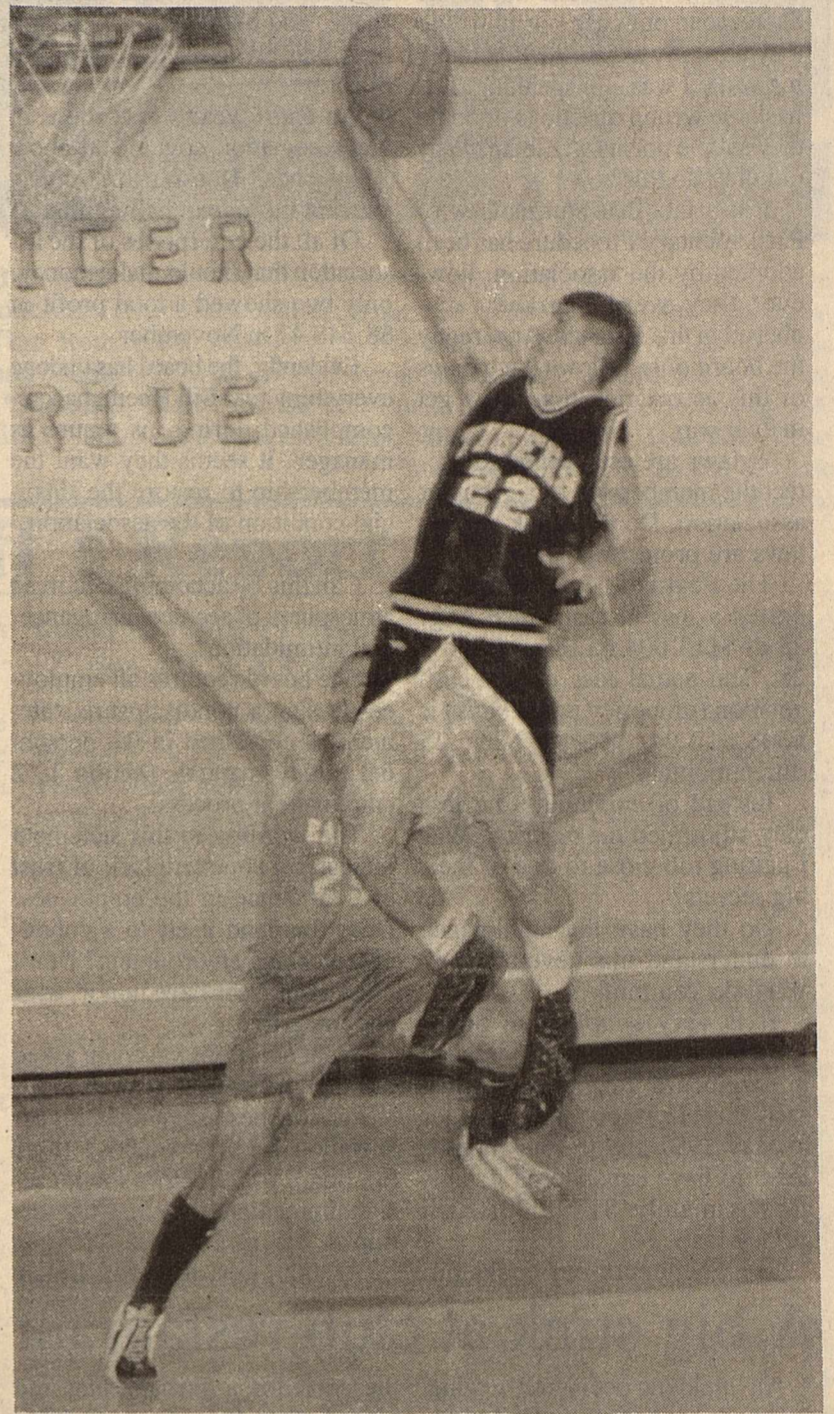
The county will not be allowed to pay any excess overtime not paid by DEA, and the deputy will have to take any excess overtime not paid by the DEA off in compensation time.

"I don't see anything in there that says they will pay his salary," Precinct 4 Commissioner Paul O'Rourke said.

Burgess assured O'Rourke that the DEA "pays everything. It's not costing the county anything."

County Auditor Cordelia Barlow said the county will pay the deputy's salary, but will be reimbursed by the task force.

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Brackett's Brent Woelke (22) scores two of his 18 points during the Tigers' 74-48 win over Eagle Pass Monday at the Brackett tournament. See story, Page 5. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Friends of Hospice to open thrift shop

DEL RIO - The Friends of Hospice Board of Directors have announced that a thrift shop will open Saturday, Jan. 17.

All proceeds from the thrift shop, that will be called 'The Hospice Bargain Box,' will go towards the Hospice Program of Val Verde Regional Medical Center to help care for patients in the hospice program that are not covered by any other third party payer.

Friends of Hospice President Pat Younts said, "We are very excited about the opening of the thrift shop, which will be located at 1120 South Main Street. That is the same building that the Val Verde Regional Medical Center Home Health and Hospice Departments are located in.

"Anyone in the community that has dishes, furniture, any other household items, clothing, or other usable items they would like to get rid of, may drop the items off at 1120 South Main Street, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or may call 774-4580, leave your name and number and arrangements can be made to pick up the items."

The Bargain Box will be open Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m."

The Friends of Hospice Board of Directors is a not-for-profit organization.

Sergeant, Holley appointed to Appraisal District's board

Kinney County Judge Tommy Seargeant and Mike Holley were appointed to represent Kinney County on the Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Seargeant and Holley were reappointed to the board by the Commissioners Court Monday at a special meeting.

"I would like to be back on it," Seargeant told the court. "Mike Holley has done a real good job."

Precinct 4 Commissioner Paul O'Rourke asked Seargeant if he had found anyone else that was interested in serving on the board.

"I looked around and I just haven't found anybody," Seargeant said. "Go ahead and put me on it. I'll be glad to continue representing Kinney County to the best of my ability."

Commissioner Freddie Frerich, Precinct 1, made the motion to appoint Seargeant, and Precinct 2 Commissioner Joe Montalvo seconded the motion. Frerich, Montalvo, O'Rourke and Joe Williams all voted to appoint Seargeant.

Frerich also made the motion to appoint Holley, which was seconded by Williams. The motion passed unanimously.



Brackett High School students Alex De Leon (from left), Kermit Gomez and Zach Davis Jr. volunteered to help with the Christmas Baskets for the Needy program. Over 100 families received food baskets and 115 children received toys.

Mayes announces candidacy for Precinct 2 commissioner

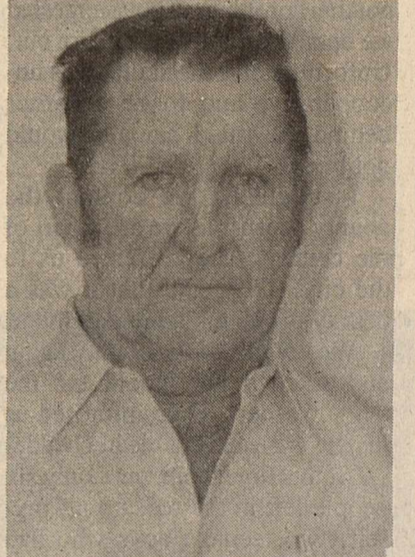
Jerry Mayes has announced his candidacy for Kinney County commissioner, Precinct 2.

Mayes and his wife, Opalee, have lived in Kinney County for three years. They moved to Uvalde in 1960 and spent 27 years there. They then spent seven years in Del Rio before moving to Brackettville.

Mayes has been working on heavy equipment, such as caterpillars and diesel engines, for area ranchers since 1959.

"I am experienced with heavy machinery," Mayes said. "I have knowledge of road maintenance and I know how to work with people. If elected, I think I would be an asset to the county."

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to work for the citizens of this county to help improve our community."
Jerry Mayes



JERRY MAYES

Through his work, Mayes has experience as a supervisor and in working within a budget.

He said he is looking forward to the March 10 Democratic primary election.

"I feel like it's time for a change," Mayes said. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to work for the citizens of this county to help improve our community."

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County denies request to move judge's office

The Kinney County Commissioners Court denied a request to move the justice of the peace's office to the task force building, located on Highway 90.

Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall said his current office, located on the second floor of the courthouse, was too cramped.

"I'm going to have to have a place to go, there's no doubt about that," Hall told the commissioners. "There's not enough room where we're at."

The county purchased the building in 1995 for \$45,200 to house the Allied Area Narcotics Task Force, now defunct. The county still owes \$28,900 on the building.

"My idea on that property up there is to sell it," Precinct 1 Commissioner Freddie Frerich said. "Our budget is so strapped, I don't think we need that property up there."

Hall also asked the court if he could hire a part-time employee for his office.

He had one full-time and one part-time employee last fiscal year, but both were made full-time employees at the beginning of the budget year.

"We're getting too far behind," Hall said.

The commissioners agreed that they would look into the needs of the justice of the peace's office.

After discussing the task force building, Bonnie Herndon suggested it could house the county extension agent and the surrounding property could be used by 4-H Club members for raising animals for stock shows.

"Since it is an entirely enclosed facility, I think it might be something that would be very good," Herndon said.

"Right now, there is a problem with the number of children

that are able to participate in stock shows, especially the children that live on Fort Clark Springs, because they can't put animals up there at all."

Frerich said, "I don't want to start putting pens in the city limits and have complaints."

"I hope you all don't dismiss it entirely because I think it could be a very good thing for the children in the area that do wish to participate," Herndon said. "There are children that are not able to participate now in something that is good for their future."

Frerich suggested that Herndon ask school officials to use the old roping arena to raise stock show animals.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Paul O'Rourke reiterated the county's intentions of selling the task force building: "We want to sell it. This is a liability that we need to get rid of."

Four candidates file for J.P. race

Four Democratic candidates have filed to run for justice of peace in the March 10 primary election.

Gregorio Juarez, J.E. Meil, Puffy Porter and Arnold Pinales have all filed for justice of the peace, according to Democratic Chairperson Mary Flores.

Six candidates have filed in the race for two county commissioners' positions.

Incumbent Alvin Hall has made no official announcement about his plans for the upcoming election. He could not be reached for comment on Tuesday.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Joe Montalvo is being challenged by Jerry Mayes, Dennis Slubar and Flavio Talamantez.

In Precinct 4, Incumbent Commissioner Paul O'Rourke faces opposition from Bill Bizzell.

Incumbent County Judge Tommy Seargeant has filed to run for a fifth term as a county judge and his only opposition thus far is the man that served in that capacity during his recent suspension - Herb Senne.

County and District Clerk Dora Sandoval and County Treasurer Janis Floyd have both filed for reelection, and currently have no opposition.

Candidates can file to run for election in the March primary through Friday.

Applications can be picked up at the county clerk's office at the Kinney County Courthouse and must be filed through the respective party chairman.

Flores is the Democratic Party chairwoman for Kinney County and Ray Melton is the county chairman for the Republican Party.

Letters to the Editor

Fort board refuses to address association's decrease in cash

On Dec. 20, I asked the Board of Directors of Fort Clark Springs Association questions about the decrease in our cash position, and they abruptly adjourned the meeting while I was still speaking. Did I ask the wrong questions or could they simply not answer them? Why did they do this?

It is a fact that Sturgis Law of Parliamentary Procedure has been adopted by the association, however they were flagrantly disobeyed in this instance. Apparently the board only follows the bylaws of this association that don't get in their way.

Bylaws are established to protect the membership of a group or association. Do you think our bylaws are protecting us?

The Board of Directors has reported a loss in cash since Aug. 25 of \$113,004.65 through Nov. 25. The actual loss of our cash position (of money in the bank) is \$308,312.04 through Nov. 25 (three months).

Instead of explaining the loss they adjourned the meeting. Was I getting too close to one of their big secrets?

Do they have the intelligence to understand this development? What do you think?

It is very simple, the board spent more money than it has taken in. The board inherited a positive cash flow from our last manager in May 1997 and in four months seem to have squandered it, plus approximately \$179,000 (cash money lost).

The auditors of our books fin-

ished their non-certified audit and told the membership simply the association is in sound financial shape, and that was all. No comment was given from the board of directors.

An entire year's operations of our association covered in about 30 seconds? Doesn't this subject warrant more than half a minute?

Of all the enterprises of the association that should make money, only two showed a total profit of \$8,648.47 in November.

Evidently, the board has undone everything that Bill Haenn had accomplished during his tenure as manager. It seems they want the membership to restore the financial condition of the association.

Can this be accomplished in an atmosphere of secrecy, arrogance, and intimidation?

The board requires all employees to sign a nondisclosure statement as contained in the personnel policy manual, section 1, 2 employment process.

The wording in this statement indicates a complete lack of trust or confidence in the employees. Does this lend itself to a conducive working environment? Don't most employees have honor, trust and integrity?

What questions have you asked that haven't been answered fully? What's the best way to get this association back on track? I think the Board of Directors should resign immediately. What do you think?

Arvel L. Baker

A big stink at club restaurant

An incident occurred, during the lunch hour, at the golf course restaurant on Saturday. It would have been funny except the diners were put in some danger. A customer entering the restaurant accidentally let in a skunk.

I have never seen a place evacuated as fast as this one. Lunches and beverages were left on tables as customers fled.

I called Smith Security at Fort Clark and was informed that it was not their problem. They suggested we open the doors and let him out. Unfortunately, the skunk was uncooperative and found a corner behind the salad bar and would not budge.

I suggested we contact the county sheriff, as we are a part of the county. They referred us to the city. They said that it was a county problem and to call them.

We contacted the county again and asked if they could call the game warden. They informed us that he was unavailable in Uvalde.

At this time there were only six people left in the restaurant, myself, two teenage boys who had been eating lunch, and three lady employees.

One of the young men asked

the cook for a garbage bag and placed some food from his plate in the bag. He then approached the corner where the skunk was hiding and held the bag open in front of the skunk.

After what seemed an eternity, only a few minutes really, the skunk smelled the food and entered the bag. The bag was then taken outside and a garbage can was placed over it.

The young man's name is Jarrett Harrison and lives at the Oaks at Fort Clark.

As a member of Fort Clark and a Golf Club member, thank you Jarrett.

The purpose of this letter is to laud Jarrett and to ask one question:

Of all the money we pay in assessments at Fort Clark and taxes to the county, isn't there an agency we can call in situations such as this?

Smith Security showed up after the skunk was bagged and canned. They were unprepared and had to go and get a rifle. I didn't stay around for the execution, but after the runaround we got, I was rooting for the skunk.

Ruben C. Martinez

Members deserve explanation

As a concerned member of Fort Clark Springs, I believe the members are entitled to an explanation of the profit and loss statements provided at the board meetings.

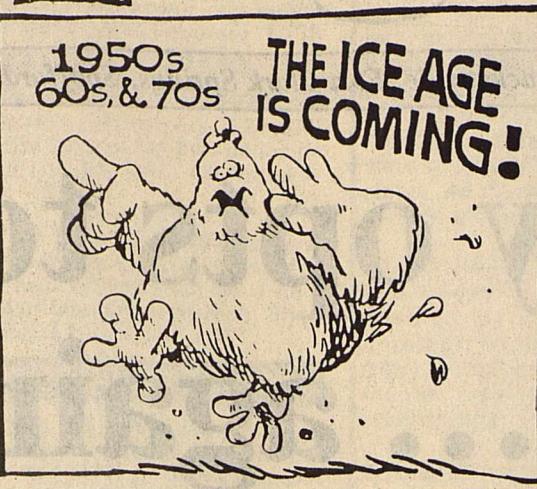
Using the figures provided by the accounting department on the

P&L's since the beginning of the fiscal year, Oct. 1, 1997, there is over \$124,000 unaccounted for in the general fund.

Members, check the figures yourself.

G.C. Slate

Chicken Little, Then and Now...



New Year, a great thing

What a great thing is the New Year. God thus gives us a new, clean sheet to write our lives.

The old year has passed into history. We can bask in the many remembrances of good happenings and joys that have made good times.

Even the harsh and sometimes traumatic events offer a sigh of relief that they are past and we have survived and see the same sun rise again each day.

Sure, there have been happenings we would like to have missed but surviving has made us stronger. We can face the new year knowing that sad things are in the

Between Us
By Joe Townsend



past. If we let these events darken the future, we are stupid beyond description.

Even undesirable circumstances should serve as a stepping stone, never a stumbling block. After all, we can't rewrite history, we must go on from here.

Every happy moment of the past year should only remind us

that more happy moments are ahead.

The New Year is ours to make of it what we will. God has given us a new sheet to write our story for the year. It will be what you make it to be.

I would certainly wish for you the greatest year of your life. God would wish you the same. It can be if you make it so.

What to do with a budget surplus

An overwhelming 76 percent of Texans believe that if Congress' efforts to be fiscally responsible result in a future budget surplus, the amount which accrues should go directly to reducing the national debt.

My questionnaire, which The Brackett News was kind enough to publish last August, asked Texans to ponder whether Congress should use any surplus to reduce the national debt, or to provide Americans with additional tax relief. The results were unmistakable. Texans want their country to get out of the red as soon as possible.

Here's what some of you had to say on the subject:

From Nacogdoches: "For Pete's sake, reduce the debt! We've been running this bill up for 20 years now."

From Garland: "Only after we pay off the debt should we reduce taxes."

From Cleburne: "We have to pay off the debt, the sooner, the better. The interest is accumulating and eating us up. Soon our taxes won't go for anything but debt service. Our country will collapse under the weight of this obligation if we don't start immediately."

From Freeport: "We need to apply any surplus we get to reducing the national debt. Only then can we, eventually, have a real balanced budget within which the government must work."

From College Station: "Any tax reduction before we've paid off our debt would be deceitful. You can't mislead the people into believing there is a fiscal responsibility while maintaining an enormous debt."

From Texas City: "Surplus funds should always be used to reduce the debt ... our national debt is increasing faster than the budget deficit is decreasing."

From Falfurias: "Keep the surplus and pay off the national debt. Once it is gone from our pockets, we make do somehow."

From Dalhart: "Until we have made real progress

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U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

toward reducing the national debt, we cannot claim that the era of Big Government is over."

But some of you had a different point of view and offered various ideas for using a budget surplus.

From Kingwood: "It is remarkable that we are near to balancing the budget. I say we divide the savings, putting 50 percent toward debt reduction and 50 percent toward tax reduction."

From Groves: "I think taxpayers are entitled to some of both."

From Decatur: "Americans need more tax relief first, then pay the national debt."

From Denton: "If we have a surplus, we should take some of the money and use it to reform Social Security and Medicare."

From Pharr: "I think we, the American people, ought to be the beneficiaries of any budget surplus. We paid it, we should be able to enjoy the boom times."

From Orange: "I don't think you should delay too long in giving people some tax relief. No one will believe they're going to get a break eventually, if they have to wait until the entire debt is paid off before you deliver."

The Texans who responded to my questionnaire seem to realize what is at stake here. The United States is now \$5.4 trillion in debt. That's \$20,000 owed by every man, woman and child in the country. Common sense tells us that the sooner we whittle this down, the better.

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But, I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



Happy New Year

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone. I still haven't gotten around to last year's resolutions either. But I'm going to.

I have resolved to lose weight. It puzzles me why, with all of the technology in this world, we can't make healthy food taste like fattening food!

Why does fried chicken have to taste so good? Why can't lettuce be as flavorful as chocolate?

Anyway, I have vowed to make all kind of changes in my life. I haven't. But I'm going to.

This year I have only one resolution: Not to make resolutions!

I hope the New Year finds you healthy and happy. I hope all your dreams come true. May the spirit of God hold you peacefully in his hand. May you be surrounded by love.

And someday soon celery will be as palatable as apple pie. But, I could be wrong.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

One of the most outstanding features of this area through many many years has been Virginia Shahan. Having grown up here, she has been a great asset all of her life.

Marrying Happy after meeting him at Baylor University, they returned to Kinney County. Happy became legendary in his many contributions to his home town, his county, his state and region far beyond, and she was always and avid partner and supporter.

During these years, Virginia had her own interests and activities. She is the mother of an outstanding family.

When Happy went to be with the Lord, Virginia took his mantle and has carried on his many activities in addition to her own responsibilities.

Her long and often tempestuous days cover a wide range of activities which would cause many to shed some areas of action. This is not an alternative to Virginia. She has a tremendous faith in God which leads her to many actions conversant with her expressions of that faith.

Virginia, while smothered with responsibilities, always has time for her extended family. She has a solid moral code which demands many benevolent actions.

She is truly warm hearted and friendly. She is one without equal. To know her is a true enrichment.

Surely, Virginia Shahan is an Unsung Hero.



Big Mama Sez!

The most completely lost of all days is the one in which I have not laughed.

Letters to the Editor Policy

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Guidry, Ring complete class

UVALDE — Bobby Guidry and Ron Ring were among 21 students that graduated from the Southwest Texas Junior College Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy last Wednesday.

Academy Coordinator Norman Stutte certified his first basic peace officer class during the special graduation ceremony in the Tate Auditorium.

The students completed the 560 hour law enforcement course that began in September.

Guidry and Ring were both sponsored by the Kinney County Sheriff's Department.

Ring received an award for high night firing average, one of six performance awards presented by Stutte to graduates that excelled in

specific areas during the four-month course.

Nathan Johnson, who was sponsored by the Uvalde County Sheriff's Office, received three of the six awards. He earned the high academic average, high overall range score award and the high combat course award.

Other outstanding students recognized by Stutte were Lucas Saucedo, high pistol score award, and Marvin Richardson, high physical education award.

Zavala County Judge Pablo Avila was the guest speaker during the graduation ceremony.

"I have a greater appreciation than most people (for) the seriousness of the profession which you are about to embark upon," Avila told the students.

"Law enforcement is what makes our society function, therefore as peace officers, you help keep order in society. That makes for a better life for everyone in America."

Avila encouraged each graduate to take their profession seriously.

"Never use excessive force and never exceed your legal authority because if you do you will most likely find yourself subject of an investigation and possible arrest and prosecution," he said.

In addition, Avila explained that he strongly believes that the SWTJC academy training has prepared the students for the state exam that they will be taking next month in Austin.



Twenty-one students graduated from the Southwest Texas Junior College Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy last Wednesday. Graduates include, front row, from left: Arnold Velasquez, Lydia Moss, Rodney Lucio, Tina Rodriguez, Debbie Ann Briseno, Bobby Guidry and Marvin Richardson. Middle row: Norman Stutte, SWTJC Law Enforcement Academy coordinator, Nathan Johnson, Cyrus Cantu, Vince Villalobos, Mario Garcia Jr., Lucas Saucedo Jr., Jesus Lopez and Paul Morales. Back row: Jeff Kirby, Santos Medrano, Ron Ring, Mike Schaefer, Ricardo Rios, John Simpson and Jesse Sulaica Jr. Photo Special to The Brackett News



Local youngsters roast marshmallows provided by the Lions Club at Community Unity. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Community Unity dubbed a success

By Agapito Saenz
Contributing Writer

The Fourth Annual Community Unity program sponsored by the city of Brackettville employees was dubbed a success by officials.

A number of local organizations were on hand to make the event possible.

The Las Moras Hispanic Organization served chapuvado, a self-made drink, the Lions Club served marshmallows, the city of

Brackettville served hot dogs, and the V.F.W. Post 8360 helped with hot chocolate.

Kinney County EMS officials had a free drawing for a stuffed bear.

The Lopez's provided music, church choirs sang carols, and Spofford provided coffee and cookies.

Santa Claus was the center of attention to all, young and old. About 400 kids received toys at the event.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, December 22

7:39 a.m., A Kinney County man reported that all the signs on Highway 2804 were knocked down. The highway department was notified.

3:10 p.m., Adam Lee Lowe, 21, of Del Rio was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar on charges of criminal mischief, greater than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Lowe was released the same day on a \$1,500 personal recognizance bond.

3:44 p.m., Kelly Henrich, 21, of Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Slubar on charges of criminal mischief, greater than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Henrich was released the same day on a \$1,500 personal recognizance bond.

Tuesday, December 23

9:32 a.m., James Wil Shahan, 20, of Brackettville was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar on charges of criminal mischief, greater than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Shahan was released the same day on a \$1,500 personal recognizance bond.

9:36 p.m., Miguel Garcia Piron, 28, of Waco was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Piron was released the following day on a \$500 cash bond.

Wednesday, December 24

6:23 p.m., A Brackettville man said someone hit his car while it

was parked at Stop -N- Shop's deer processing plant. DPS officials were notified.

10:36 p.m., A Brackettville man reported loud music on Gove Street. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was notified of the complaint.

Thursday, December 25

1:35 a.m., A Brackettville man requested assistance at his residence because his brother and his father were about to fight. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He broke up the fight and sent one of them to spend the night at a friend's house.

11:58 a.m., DPS officials from Del Rio reported an intoxicated driver traveling west on Highway 90 towards Brackettville. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess was dispatched but could not locate the vehicle.

7:50 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported loud music on James Street. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was notified of the complaint.

Friday, December 26

12:26 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported loud music on Gove Street. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was notified of the complaint.

12:33 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported loud music on Spring Street. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was notified of the complaint.

Saturday, December 27

12:29 a.m., Aileen Linsley, 40, of Hunt, Texas, was arrested for driving while intoxicated by DPS Trooper Roger Dixon. She was booked into the Kinney

County Jail. Linsley was released the same day on a \$1,000 bail bond.

1:20 a.m., Timothy Warren Barker, 19, of Georgetown, Texas, was arrested for public intoxication by Trooper Ashley. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Barker was released the same day after paying a \$150 fine plus time served.

2:12 a.m., Houston Noblin, 20, of Bertram, Texas, was arrested for public intoxication by Trooper Ashley. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Noblin was released the same day after paying a \$150 fine plus time served.

2:26 a.m., Jody Lynn Sessler, 19, of Leander, Texas, was arrested by Trooper Ashley for driving while intoxicated, first offense, and booked into the Kinney County Jail. Sessler was released the same day on a \$1,000 bail bond.

6:52 a.m., Border Patrol agents at the Cline Check Point reported a drunk driver. Trooper Slubar was notified.

Sunday, December 28

2:51 a.m., A Brackettville

woman reported that she couldn't find her daughter. The woman contacted officials at 9:50 the same morning to inform them that her daughter had returned home.

4:10 p.m., A Motorist reported that two trucks passed her "going very fast." Del Rio DPS officials were notified.

6:20 p.m., Miguel Angel Galarza, 44, of Del Rio was arrested for public intoxication by Trooper Slubar. He is being held in the Kinney County Jail.

6:30 p.m., A Kinney County man reported that there was an illegal alien at his daughter's residence. Border Patrol officials were notified.

7:30 p.m., An employee at Stop -N- Shop reported that a truck ran into the ice machine.

7:40 p.m., Juan Bernardo Cervantez, 35, of Brackettville was arrested for public intoxication by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter. He is being held in the Kinney County Jail.

9:02 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a man had taken her vehicle. Deputy Chism was notified. He located the car on Highway 674 and returned it to the owner.

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A new year provides another chance to get it right

A brand new year, 1998! There's something exciting about a new beginning.

Life continually gives us the opportunity to take a longer look at life's choices. It's like, OK — here's another chance to get it right!

One of the best ways of planning the new year is to reflect on the old year. Let's talk about ringing in the new year as we put the old one to bed.

1997 was a year where lots of things went right! Our school system continued to get better

throughout the year. The School Board and administration have tried to do long range planning.

For several years, the staff has been working on the curriculum trying to get it organized as we prepare our students for the 21st Century.

A new emphasis is on trying to get our buildings and grounds ready to handle the growth that we are currently experiencing. Larger number of students requires planning to prevent a hodgepodge solution that will be burdensome for years to come.

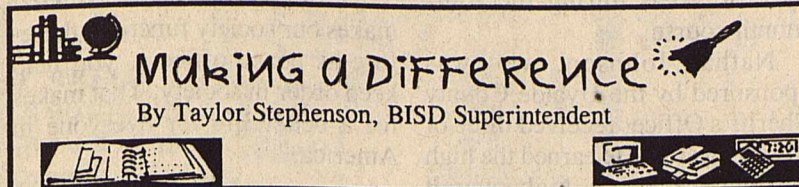
We have some exciting days ahead in 1998 looking at a new high school academic building. Also on the slate for this year are a resurfaced all-weather track and four new tennis courts.

In 1998, Brackett ISD encourages more parent and community involvement in the planning of the school system of the future.

The best way to start is to call and let the principal or superintendent know that you would like to serve on a Campus or District Planning Committee.

Find out when your school's parent-teacher organization meets, and become involved in that activity.

Texas' concept of share gov-



ernance of schools with parents, staff, community, and the Board of Trustees comes from the passage a couple of years ago of Senate Bill 1.

Please let us know if you would like to be involved in site based decision making.

One of our first challenges is to have a state evaluation of BISD's planning processes and compliances with federal and state programs in what is called a DEC Evaluation. DEC is an acronym for district effectiveness and compliance.

The DEC folks will be in Brackettville beginning Monday for a week looking at district efforts to improve student learning.

We have worked hard to get ready for this evaluation. We'll do just fine as a result of our planning.

One of the real accomplishments of 1997 was the ability of the School Board to work together through diverse thinking and background.

We have a board that works for the best of the children of Kinney County.

Many boards that I have worked with for the past 23 years had outstanding individuals, but the board could not seem to develop a chemistry of working together to solve problems.

Effective boards have differing points of view, but after all the talk is over and decisions have been made, the board moves forward as a unit to implement those decisions.

I'm very proud of this board and the progress that we've made in 1997.

In Texas, January is School Board Recognition Month. Take the time to tell your board members that you appreciate their hard work.

In 1998, we'll continue efforts to build the best educational program that money can buy.

To do this, we must keep a great faculty that is well trained, as well paid as we can afford and

give them a voice in the governance of the school district. Our parents, students, faculty, community and board must promote a quality education for every child. When this is done, the future of our young will shine brighter!

We'll try to achieve these results without overtaxing our citizens.

Our school will continue to work for the best extracurricular activities for our students realizing that learning to work together as a team is a goal for every graduate of BISD.

We'll try to educate each child to the best of that child's ability to learn. We'll try to take our place as a leader in providing adult education.

1998 will be a year filled with opportunity for residents or supporters of Kinney County, Fort Clark Springs, the town of Brackettville, and Brackett ISD.

We have such tremendous talent, and we need to focus on what could be rather than what is!

Let's dream and plan, and then work together to turn our dreams into real works for the good of our community.

Today is a chance to begin anew! Think about it. Happy New Year!

Curry hosts sorority meeting

The Beta Epsilon Omicron sorority met last Monday night at Dee Curry's home.

The minutes were read by Barbara Miller and approved. She also read a request from the Lions Club for assistance with the Christmas Baskets for the Needy program.

It was voted to give a monetary donation to the Lions Club and Miller volunteered to offer transportation for the baskets.

The treasurer's report was given by Marla Madrid and the

business meeting was adjourned by Pam Melancon.

Curry presented the cultural program with an autobiography accompanied by many pictures.

The members had their annual cookie exchange and Curry served a table full of Christmas delights.

Members in attendance were Curry, Madrid, Melancon, Miller, Opal Groce, Hazel Ivey, Betty Mathison, Helen Peck, Flo Stafford and Evelyn Whitley.

Pete's Sake

The preacher was an avid golf fan. He always took Mondays off and spent his day on the greens, weather permitting.

So one beautiful Sunday morning, he turned on his TV and dialed the weather channel.

The forecast was for a bright and beautiful Sunday, with rain beginning sometime after midnight, and continuing for 24 to 36 hours.

"Oh, dear, I'll miss playing golf," he sighed. "Oh, gee, I wish the rain would hold off. Today is such a beautiful day, I'd love to be on the golf course."

"Wait a minute. I don't have to go to the church for Sunday School. They won't really need me for that. I can wait and go at the 11 o'clock service and no one will know. Why, I can get in nine holes of golf this morning!"

So off to the greens he rushed, determined to enjoy the fine time before the rain.

God and the devil were watching.

"Say, isn't that one of your boys down there on the golf course?" Lucifer asked. "He is supposed to be in church, and there he is, getting ready to tee off. You should punish him for that."

"I'll take care of it," God said.

Just then, the preacher swung a beautiful drive and the ball lifted in a lovely, gentle curve. It sailed across the greens gracefully, banked to the left, and glided down into the cup for a hole in one!

"Aw, that's just like you," said the devil. "You said you were gonna punish him, and instead you let him make a hole in one where four is par!"

"I did punish him," God replied. "Who can he tell?"

Friend Larry, who owns and operates his own barber shop, reports that one recent Saturday a long-haired teenager came into his shop and sat down in a waiting chair.

Each time the boy's turn came, however, he let someone else go ahead of him.

After two hours, Larry finally said, "Hey, sport, you might just as well get it cut now."

"Oh," the boy replied. "I'm not waiting for a haircut. I'm hiding from my father. This is the last place in the world he'd think to look for me!"

■ **Editor's note:** If you enjoy these stories and comments, send for a free sample of Post Story Book. Write Pete, P.O. Box 712, Kingsport, Tenn., 37662.

Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he graduated 12th from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lt. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882, the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

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

January 1886: The new year is ushered in with a reception and hop at the Post Hall where the ladies receive the gentlemen, a custom unique to Fort Clark. Lt. French's hypochondriac nature is evidenced by his daily visits to the hospital (Adult Center) to have his throat and ears treated by the post surgeon, Dr. Black. The weather turns "too cold for comfort" to include a snow storm which deposits 3-4 inches, enough for a snowball fight between officers and children. French thinks the jokes told by the Chaplain have no place during sermons. Three companies of the 19th Infantry must be designated to move to Fort Ringgold and French's Co "E" is selected. French becomes preoccupied with the potential move and the purchase of some land in San Antonio. He reluctantly borrows money from the post sutler to enter into the land deal with another officer. His social pace remains hectic as he comments that he hates to "dance with tall ladies as the contrast is annoying to both."

Friday, January 1, 1886

The mail brought a bundle of papers from home but no letter much to my disappointment. Commenced to mess again with Hewitt and like the change very much. After guard mounting went over to hospital where Black commenced a course of treatment which it is to be hoped will cure my throat and hearing. Stopped a while in the office and went over to Capt. Vance's to wish him a happy New Year. Played checkers a while with King. At noon carried the fruit cake up to the mess. Wrote an O.B. to the Quartermaster General to enclose some corrected reports received this morning from Forsyth and straightened out money account for last month. My pay for December came also this morning, which was transferred to Hewitt. At four o'clock went up to his house for dinner and had an excellent meal too. After retreat chatted a while with Capt. Vance and then took a walk. Played checkers a while with King. Then dressed in swallow tail and went over to hop room. Here according to the custom, all the ladies of the post assembled and received the gentlemen. This is an excellent practice as it avoids a heap of bother. After the reception proper came a dance and splendid refreshments were served. Two large punch bowls were on tap. Vedder got rather full and showed it in his speech. Got home about midnight after a very pleasant evening, and feeling rather tired.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his descendants

My last year's resolutions have not all been kept. I played for money once at Benham's, but am determined that this shall be the last time. I have paid off all my debts except for the Christmas presents for which the bill has not come yet. Shall renew this resolution for the new year. I have read a little and have studied French; intend to keep at the latter until I can speak it while keeping up my English reading. Shall renew the resolutions to be more thorough in all that I undertake, to hold my temper, passions and lascivious thoughts in check and to save money. Am going to try to send Lula and Mattie a little allowance every month. May God help me to keep these resolutions and make me a better man.

Saturday, January 2, 1886

A letter from home and one from Lizzie to thank for the card comprised my mail. Went over as usual after guard mounting to the hospital for Dr. Black to treat my throat. Then stopped a while in the office and at Capt. Vance's. Afterwards wet the grass and ivy pretty thoroughly. Cleaned up and played piquet with Hammond and read the novel until retreat. A cold norther commenced to blow in the afternoon and made the air quite chilly. Played checkers a while with King after dinner, smoking a pipe that almost upset me. Then called with him at Col. Bliss' until tattoo; after which said goodbye to Capt. Vance and played cards a while with King and read the novel.

Sunday, January 3, 1886

Today is Lula's birthday. I hope she will have many more of them and that they will bring her increased happiness and prosperity. Capt. Vance left last night with Towle and Lyster for Camp Rice on court martial duty. This leaves me in command of the company. After inspection went over to the hospital as usual and begin to feel some good effects from the treatment. Spent a short time at the office and then prepared to take a bath when Hewitt came in and sat for some time eating hickory nuts. After a bath wrote a letter home as usual. One came this morning from home which stated that Sue was not feeling so well. Both she and the baby have come along so well up to this time that I was in great hopes that there would be no backsets. Had dinner before retreat. After the call took quite a long walk with Hewitt. Attended service as usual. The Chaplain preached a kind of memorial sermon, part of which

was excellent. But he jokes too much to my liking. Escorted Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Gillmore home and sat a while at Hall's until tattoo. After the call read the novel and the Bible until bed time.

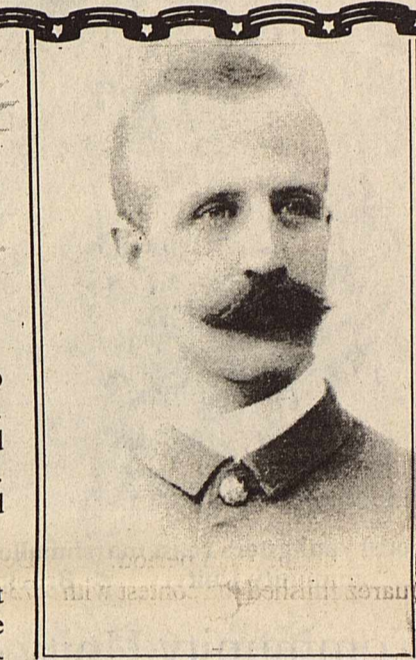
Monday, January 4, 1886

After guard mounting went over for usual treatment at the hospital. Hope this will result beneficially for my throat and hearing. Sat in the office a while and then read the novel. In afternoon went down to Q.M. office to draw some things for the company and was told by Vedder of his intention to put in better stoves in our quarters. Walked up with the Chaplain and stood talking to him in front of the new house for some little time. Then completed the novel, a poor one, and translated part of tomorrow's lesson. Vernou came in later and played piquet until retreat. After dinner got Cunningham to march on guard tomorrow for me as the tour would prevent me from going to the French Circle. Went up to Hewitt's later and read over the lesson after Hall left. Spent the evening in quarters reading Draper and dozing. Took tattoo as usual. Felt a little sick this evening, chilly. Think it comes from the medicine Dr. Black gives. Received a letter from home today that Sue was much better and was able to sit up. Hope this improvement will continue.

Tuesday, January 5, 1886

Felt chilly and sick at my stomach almost all day on account of that medicine. Had my throat attended to as usual after guard mounting and then sat a while in the office. Afterwards went over to Library to look over the papers. Soon after returning to quarters Geary came in from Neville's Spring with the Seminoles. Looks well and hearty. Saw his things unpacked and had a bed put up for him in my quarters. Played cards with Hammond and King and talked to Geary in the afternoon. Dr. Town came up for me to take a ride but had to decline as Hammond was here at the time. Hewitt went hunting and while waiting for his return to dine took a walk with Mrs. Hall. Spent the evening very pleasantly at Hammond's where the Cercle Francais met, but had to leave before the others on account of the sick feeling. Went to bed, but before going to sleep, King came in to play cards. So put on some clothes and played a while with him. No mail for me this morning.

Wednesday, January 6, 1886



Had to get up last night on account of that medicine that Black put in my throat. No mail for me this morning. Marched on guard and spent the day quietly at the guard house, my stomach bothering me more than before. Only left the guard house to inspect sentinels and for lunch and dinner. Wrote usual letter home and read Draper. Capt. Hall came down to see me a few minutes and the General called to give an order about the paymaster's safe. Officer of the Day caught me sleeping just before tattoo, but said it was all right on account of my trouble. He inspected just after midnight.

Thursday, January 7, 1886

Had to return to quarters twice after midnight on account of the trouble but feel better this morning. No mail for me. Guard come in after dark last night; saw him at breakfast. Paymaster did not arrive until this morning on account of a delay on the railroad. Hammond relieved me at guard mounting. Then went to office, where met Maj. Bash and Dan and then over to the Library to read the papers. Helped Geary with some paper work about the Seminole accounts. Then went over to witness payment of "E" Co. and over to orderly room to get deposits. Returned to office for Gen. Smith's signature to a furlough and then took a bath and shaved. Returned to paymaster with Geary and he got a New York check for \$30 which I bought and shall send home in Sunday's letter. Cunningham came in later to pay me \$35 which he has owed since '81 when we broke up housekeeping at Leavenworth. Had given it up and felt like finding the amount when he handed it to me. Played cards with King and read Draper until retreat. After dinner played checkers with King. After tattoo went up to Hewitt's. Guard joined us about ten o'clock. Hewitt had a lunch which was right enjoyable. Guard leaves tonight on a long absence and expects to go to Paris before returning. Asked him to buy me a travelling bag while abroad. A stinging cold norther has started in today.

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How do you save a knocked out tooth?

Kenneth R. Lecocq, D.D.S.

Question: My son tells me that another boy on his team had a tooth knocked out during practice, and that his dentist was able to put it back into his mouth. I was wondering if you knew what had to be done in such a case, if ever it happens in our family?

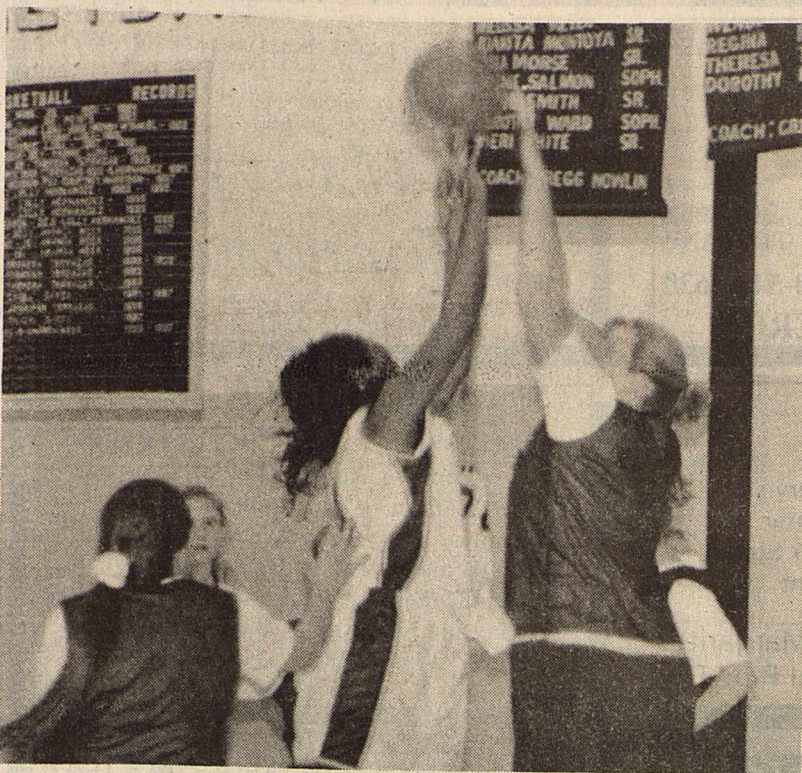
Answer: Despite the fact that most regularly organized teams now have rules about the mandatory use of mouthguards, accidents like these are not uncommon. In fact it is estimated that almost 5 million Americans will lose a tooth as the result of an accident or just rough play. And yes, if the proper actions are promptly taken, there is a chance that the tooth can be saved, and be replanted in the socket. However, there are several things you need to do when the accident occurs, to increase the odds for a successful outcome. Most importantly, you need to understand that for best results, the tooth needs to be replanted within 30 minutes, after that the failure rate increases as the delay in replant increases. First, rinse the tooth gently with plain water, and then place it back into the socket if you can. If that's not possible or practical, try to keep the tooth in your mouth while you hustle off to the nearest facility that can provide the kind of help you

need. Your own dentist may be your first line of assistance, but a well-equipped emergency room is probably your best bet if the accident occurs after hours. If holding the tooth in your mouth is not possible, keeping it immersed in a bit of milk is the next choice (since it contains some of the same minerals found in saliva), or just plain water if nothing else is available. Emergency treatment consists of adjusting the tooth back in the socket, and fastening it in place with bonding materials or wire. It will be about 8 weeks before you can expect to be sure of the results, which depend upon how badly the tooth was damaged, how rapidly the treatment was begun, the condition of the socket and your age group. Youngsters are more likely than adults to have a tooth reattach solidly. Root canal treatment is also needed to complete the repair as the nerve inevitably dies.

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Garza leads Brackett Exes over Tigerettes



Amanda Meek, right, blocks a shot by La Toya Wright, center, as Chica Garza looks on. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Brackett's Exes jumped out to a 21-7 first quarter lead Monday night and held on for a 55-35 win over the Tigerettes.

With the loss, the Tigerettes drop their season record to 7-6.

Chica Garza scored 11 of her game-high 23 points in the first quarter to pace the Exes in the opening stanza. She finished with five three-pointers, including three in the first period.

The Exes took their biggest lead of the game at 41-20 when Amanda Meek drove the lane and scored at the 2:27 mark in the third quarter, capping a 14-3 run.

Meek had 13 points for the Exes. She hit 7 of 8 shots from the charity stripe.

The Tigerettes outscored the Exes 8-6 in the second quarter but Denice Frerich hit back-to-back jump shots in the period to help the Exes to a 27-15 halftime lead.

The Exes opened the game strong. Lindy LaMascus grabbed

Exes 55, Tigerettes 35

Exes: Frerich 3 0-2 6, Harrison 0 0-0 0, Meek 3 7-8 13, Garza 9 0-0 23, LaMascus 3 1-2 7, Hernandez 3 0-0 6, Brotherton 0 0-2 0. Totals 21 8-14 55.

Tigerettes: Ashabanner 1 0-0 2, Brotherton 5 3-6 13, Wright 2 0-2 4, Lopez 2 0-0 5, Terrazas 1 0-0 3, Payne 1 0-0 2, Ballew 3 0-0 6, Robinson 0 0-0 0, Aguirre 0 0-0 0. Totals 15 3-8 35.

Halftime: Exes 27, Tigerettes 15.

a rebound and scored on a put-back to give the Exes an 11-2 lead less than four minutes into the contest.

Patty Lopez scored on a fast break and Lindsey Brotherton sank a base-line jumper as the Tigerettes pulled within six, but Garza nailed a pair of treys to give the Exes an 18-6 lead with 1:43 left in the first period.

Brotherton paced the Tigerettes' scoring attack. She finished with 13 points.

Tigers eye tournament championship

The Tigers assured themselves of at least a second place in the Brackett Invitational Monday as they picked up a pair of victories in the round robin tournament.

Brackett (5-10) and Del Rio's junior varsity were set to meet Tuesday afternoon in what was expected to determine the tournament champion. Results of the contest were not available at press-time.

Phillip Juarez sank a free throw with 1.8 seconds remaining to lift Brackett to a 55-54 victory over Uvalde's junior varsity in the opening game of the tournament.

Uvalde led 13-11 after the opening stanza and 25-22 at intermission, but the Tigers outscored the Coyotes 15-11 in the third quarter to take a 37-36 advantage into the final period.

Juarez finished the contest with 11 points. Rene Luna also scored in double digits with 10 points.

Luis Guajardo and Schiller Hill both had nine points for Brackett, Coty Williams scored eight, Brent Woelke chipped in four, Caleb Crumley had three, and Demitrus Williams added a free throw.

In Brackett's second game on Monday, the Tigers routed Eagle Pass' junior varsity 74-48.

Brackett jumped out to a 30-5 first quarter lead and led 41-15 at halftime.

Woelke paced the Tigers with 18 points, Luna scored 12 and Demitrus Williams had 11.

Hill finished with eight points, Guajardo had seven, Juarez scored six, Coty Williams pitched in five, Xavier Toms scored four, and Crumley had three.

In Monday's other contest, the Del Rio Rams ran past Eagle Pass, 73-34.

The Tigers resume action on Tuesday as they host La Pryor.

Brackett Invitational tournament

Monday's results from the Brackett Invitational high school basketball tournament:

Tigers 74, Eagles 48
Eagle Pass: Galindo 1 1-3 3, Jimenez 0 0-0 0, Rivera 2 0-0 5, Macid 5 0-0 10, De la Santos 0 0-2 0, Cazares 3 0-2 6, Villarreal 5 0-2 14, Macias 0 0-0 0, Avalos 7 0-0 14, Mendoza 0 0-0 0. Totals 23 1-9 48.

Brackett: Guajardo 3 1-2 7, Hill 2 3-5 8, Luna 5 2-6 12, Woelke 6 3-4 18, Crumley 1 1-5 3, D. Williams 3 5-11 11, Toms 2 0-0 4, Juarez 1 4-10 6, C. Williams 2 1-2 5. Totals 25 20-45 74.

Halftime: Tigers 41, Eagles 15.

Rams 73, Eagles 34
Del Rio: Colin 0 0-0 0, Johnson 1 0-0 2, Sims 3 0-1 6, Ibarra 1 0-0 3, Luna 1 0-2 3, Trevino 3 0-1 7, Frick 2 0-0 4, A. Hargrove 4 0-0 8, D. Hargrove 5 0-0 10, Fernandez 3

1-2 7, Lopez 2 0-0 4, Pierce 3 3-5 9, Schmit 5 0-0 10. Totals 33 4-11 73.

Eagle Pass: Galindo 0 0-0 0, Jimenez 0 0-0 0, Rivera 1 0-0 2, Macid 0 0-2 0, De la Santos 0 1-3 1, Cazares 5 0-2 11, Villarreal 1 3-4 5, Macias 2 0-2 4, Avalos 3 5-6 11, Mendoza 0 0-0 0. Totals 12 9-19 34.

Halftime: Rams 36, Eagles 21.

Tigers 55, Coyotes 54
Uvalde: Morgan 4 0-0 10, Dabney 3 0-0 9, Castillo 6 3-8 15, Silva 0 0-0 0, Rodriguez 1 0-0 2, Turner 0 2-4 2, Downing 1 2-5 4, Trevino 2 2-4 7, Aguilera 2 1-1 5. Totals 19 10-22 54.

Brackett: Guajardo 4 0-0 9, Hill 3 1-3 9, Luna 4 2-3 10, Woelke 1 2-2 4, Crumley 1 1-2 3, D. Williams 0 1-4 1, Toms 0 0-0 0, Juarez 4 3-9 11, C. Williams 3 2-2 8. Totals 20 12-25 55.

Halftime: Coyotes 25, Tigers 22.

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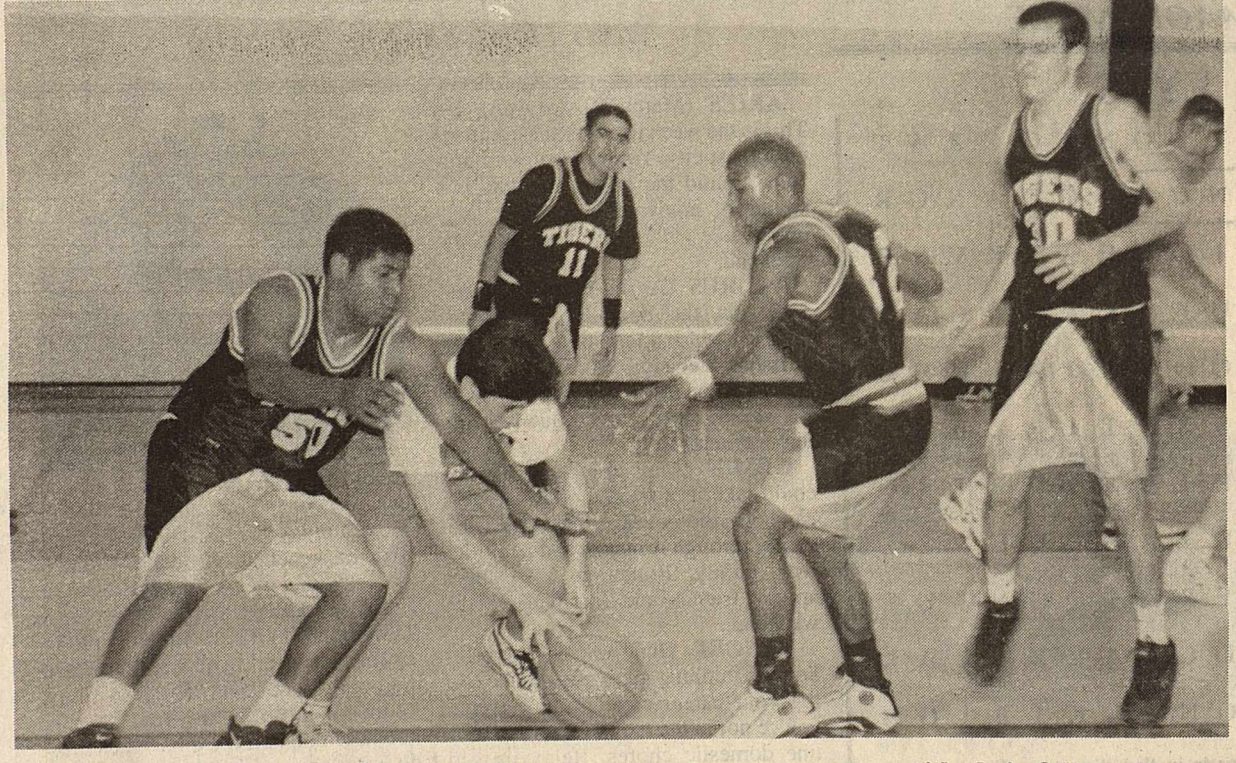
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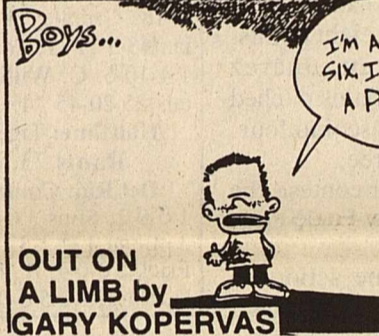
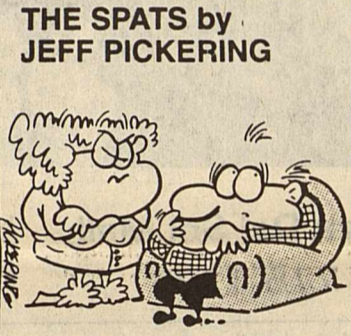
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 5 Executive's assistants
 10 It's before
 15 Sign of healing
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 22 Lake, in Italy
 23 Start of holiday legend
 27 Asian festival
 28 Lohengrin's bride
 29 Hemsley sitcom
 30 Love, to Luigi
 31 Spindle for a wheel
 32 Carroll or Anita
 34 Former chess champ
 38 Road goo
 37 Special viewpoints
 40 Informal eatery
 41 Slave, in ancient Sparta
 43 English Quaker leader
 44 Prepare the leftovers
 45 Legendary Swiss hero
 46 Tourist stop

DOWN
 2 In India
 3 Legend continues
 4 55 Random pile
 6 Prominent
 7 Measuring instrument
 8 Slight trace
 9 Barcelona
 10 Twisted cotton thread
 11 Area of expertise
 12 Valuable
 13 Lehmann of legend
 14 Diversified
 15 One type of business
 16 He had a "gilt" complex
 17 River in England
 18 Mountain nymph
 19 French Impressionist
 20 Proceed in face of danger
 21 Pub missile
 22 Legend continues
 23 Otherwise
 24 Road to Rome?
 25 — media
 26 One of the Aleutians
 27 Taste with pleasure
 28 Most important essential
 29 Failed to attend
 30 Gram or pest starter
 31 Duffer's dream
 32 Scarlet was one
 33 — drive
 34 Hot wine beverage
 35 Desert in Asia
 36 He's called "The Venerable"
 37 Nautical assent
 38 End of legend
 39 Wild buffalo of India
 40 Bailey or White
 41 Loos or Louise
 42 Chest sound
 43 Anagram of rust
 44 Long-ago White House nickname
 45 Friendly, in Soho
 46 Burden
 47 DOWN
 48 Off one's rocker?
 49 Israel seaport
 50 Machine feature
 51 Line or lock starter
 52 Paper cones
 53 as containers
 54 Uplight
 55 General region
 56 Sudden, violent attack
 57 Polly
 58 Holiday, on "Alice"
 59 Schoolbook
 60 Linger close by
 61 Verne's captain reverses himself?
 62 Large, fancy marble
 63 It's before shot or step
 64 Bridge coup
 65 Bruce or Sebastian
 66 Greek shopping mall?
 67 Plant pest
 68 Barber's call
 69 Counterfeit
 70 French composer
 71 Cancel, in a way
 72 Prejudice
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Blink	Flirt	Iris	Stare
Blue	Gaze	Lashes	Tear
Brown	Glance	Pupil	Vision
Brows	Green	Squint	

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 This is the week to enjoy the comforts of domesticity. You're busy with projects around the house, but this is a source of enjoyment. Guard against impatience with a loved one over the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 Seek out the company of friends you've had for a long time. You reach a major decision involving either education or travel later in the week. Be sure to meet a loved one halfway this weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 You could take in a special entertainment early in the week. Later, pleasure comes through romance and activities with family. Bonds grow stronger among friends and family over the weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 Serious thinking takes place concerning your career concerns this week. You're not in the mood to tend to routine domestic chores. Relax instead and take it easy once the week ends.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 You're in the mood to visit a favorite haunt, so don't fight it. However, be careful that you're not overly extravagant this week. Togetherness is accented this weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 A bargain or sale is happily what it appears to be this week, so take advantage of it. Partners reach agreements about investments or mutual financial matters.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 Spend some time this week focusing on where you'd like to take your career in the next few months. However, don't be so work-oriented that you neglect your social needs. Friends help by dragging you out to a party this weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 You're here, there and everywhere as you gab about making those holiday rounds. Those you can't visit are reached by phone. Creative interests rule the weekend.

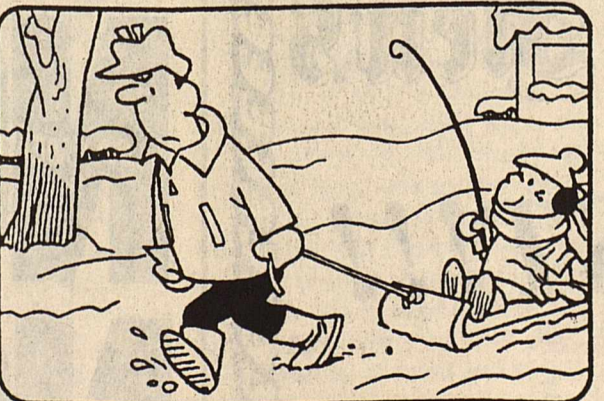
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 It's a week of paradoxes for you. While you want to get out and shop, your budget doesn't have room for those extras. You've spent too much on holiday gifts. Stick close to home this weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 You are self-confident and have a clear vision of what you want to accomplish in the future. You are of a serious frame of mind and don't have much tolerance for holiday frivolity.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 There are a lot of loose ends for you to attend to. For the most part, you must get the past out of the way. You're dwelling too much on what can't be changed.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 You don't want to be alone and wish to spend time with friends. Visiting others sparks up your holiday mood. A new perspective is gained on many of your concerns this weekend.

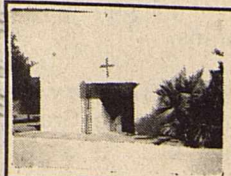
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Jan. 1	Chonita Garza	Jan. 5	Maxine Schoolfield
Jan. 2	Jerry Melane	Jan. 5	Norman Butler
Jan. 2	Jerry Taugner	Jan. 7	Jose A. Cabello
Jan. 2	David Burton	Jan. 7	Fay Gooch
Jan. 3	Janelle Senne	Jan. 7	John Osborn
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Jan. 7	Michael Garcia		



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Aren't Christmas leftovers blase? Even the highly decorated tree has somehow lost its glamor. The outside decorations and lights have dimmed in their impressions.

Even the Christmas presents have somewhat dimmed from the thrill they exuded when first they were unwrapped. The leftovers in the refrigerator are no longer as tantalizing as when they graced the table. Even the joy and thrill of the season has dulled.

These are the banalities of living. The true leftovers of Christmas are real and eternal. They never dim with age nor dull with use.

For one thing, the renewal of our thoughts about Jesus is abiding. He did come into the world. He is real. He deserved adoration of the angels while a babe in a manger. He deserves the worship of those who think.

There is the leftover reminder that his coming changed the world. Where Christ is love pre-

vails. Where Christ is violence is repugnant. Where Christ is self respect reigns. Where Christ is respect for others prevails.

Another leftover is the re-awakening of the importance of faith in God. It means seeing light in darkness. It means seeing principle above legalism. It means seeing salvation as a gift.

Leftovers from Christmas remind us that because he came, salvation is here. Because he came heaven is attainable. Because he came victory is ours now and in the years ahead.

Our Christmas leftovers will soon fade, but the leftovers of that first Christmas will last until Jesus comes again.

Sunday, following a message from the Bible, the Lord's Supper will be served. This will be followed by the regular fellowship luncheon.

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Gateway Ministries
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There are several scriptures that talk about not being drunk with wine "wherein is excess" (Eph. 5:18, 1 Cor. 5:11, Titus 2:3, 1 Peter 4:3), but are you aware of the commandment on the other hand to "be filled with the Spirit"?

We are familiar with get-togethers to have fun and make merry. A group of people in Acts 2:1-41 did this too.

"They were all in one accord in one place and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting, and there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat upon each of them and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine."

People saw and heard the evidence of the Holy Spirit, reaching them right where they were, telling them about Christ's victory

over Satan and his demons, all his foes being made Jesus' footstool and people said, I want some of that!

The answer they were given is the same for you and me today, (Acts 2:38), "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

So be filled with the Holy Spirit as it says in Eph. 5:18-19 and start "speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."

Ask God to touch you and fill you with His wine of the Holy Spirit. Get "drunk in the Holy Spirit." It will bless you.

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor



Holy week tells us, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" (Eccl. 3:1). How true, how true.

Jan. 1 is no different from any other day of the year, not really. The sun will rise in the east and set in the west on that day just like any other. Gravity will pull things toward the center of the earth and centrifugal force will push us to expand. Most of us will still dislike turnip greens and love chocolate. Yes, it will be a day just like any other.

But then it's not either, is it? It's the very beginning of the secular New Year (The season of Advent, the four weeks prior to Christian is the beginning of the Christian new year). That, and that alone, makes it a different day and I praise God for that difference.

Think how incredibly monotonous it would be if time were not broken up by some means.

If you don't think so, ask someone who has lived in Alaska with six months of day followed by six months of night.

Day and night offer us visual change. The seasons offer a change in feel and warmth. A new millennium gives rise to all sorts of "changes." A new year offers

the potential for a more personal change.

The "year" is a way of marking time, not only in terms of quantity but in terms of quality as well. It offers an occasion to reflect on the past, to learn from history -- our own and that of others. Thru reflection we may discern deeper meaning and greater understanding in the things we have done and who we have been.

The beginning of a new year also offers the opportunity for putting the unneeded or unwanted part of the past behind us. It is an occasion for a fresh start, a new year. For those of us who have sinned and fallen short, that is truly a blessing.

I have ceased making New Year's resolutions (I never kept them very long anyway), but I shall begin new prayers this New Years, and I will place those prayers, along with a few old ones, in the hands of the One who gives us time and all else.

My first prayer for the New Year is one of thanksgiving for this year that is ending and all the blessings within its fold and for the year that is beginning and all the hope it brings. I pray that you will be blessed with all that God desires for you.

Happy New Year!!

County joins drug task force

Continued from Page 1

"But we should get a new revised contract that stipulates that," Barlow added.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Freddie Frerich agreed that the contract should be more specific about the funding for the deputy's salary.

"I don't see why we can't add another provision that says the salary will be paid by them," Frerich said.

Burgess pointed out that the county could terminate the agreement with 30 days notice.

"It's not going to cost us nothing," Burgess said. "If it does, it says in here you can pull out."

County Judge Tommy Seargeant said he was "willing to try it."

"I have no problems approving it today," he said. "Let's approve it. If we don't like it, we can terminate with 30 days notice."

Seargeant made the motion to approve the agreement and Precinct 2 Commissioner Joe Montalvo seconded the motion.

Seargeant, Montalvo, Frerich and Precinct 4 Commissioner Joe Williams were in favor of the agreement and O'Rourke opposed.

Kinney County was the grantee of the Allied Area Narcotics Task Force but discontinued participation on May 31 after losing a HIDTA grant to the Eagle Pass agency.

"This is the same outfit that helped Eagle Pass shaft us on this grant," O'Rourke said.

"The reason the task force went down the tubes last time is because HIDTA pulled out," Burgess said. "They took our money and left."

"If you have HIDTA backing you up, you're all right. They

don't have to sell property to keep the grant going because they're funded 100 percent. You can't operate like we tried to operate in this county. We should have never tried it in the first place. The county got in before my time.

"I didn't like the other task force," the sheriff said. "It didn't help us a bit. It didn't do anything in Brackettville or Kinney County. We just spent money. They worked down in Maverick County and everywhere else but Kinney County. I was for getting out of that."

The agreement says the Eagle Pass Multi-Agency HIDTA Task Force will:

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"Maverick County is where the activity is now," Burgess said.

"Our deputy will work Maverick County. He will also help us on the check point. He will be a DEA agent working with their author-

ity." Burgess said it was time for Kinney County "to get back into the drug business."

"With us participating in this Eagle Pass Task Force in Maverick County, we become part of profit sharing on any seizures," he said.

"It gives us a foot back into drug enforcement. We have drug problems, every county has drug problems. And if we have a drug organization, they possibly could come help us in this county, which I think they will do at no expense to us."

Burgess said he was going to hire Adrian Pena as the county's deputy assigned to the DEA.

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And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.

And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him who cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

Then said I, woe is me! For I

am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the Kings, the Lord of hosts.

Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar.

And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, here am I; send me.

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