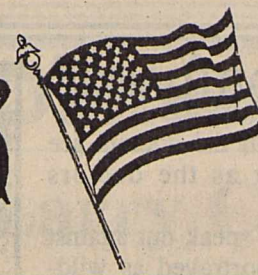


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## City purchases Porter property

The City of Brackettville will be purchasing 6 lots from Charles "Puffy" Porter for \$7,000.

The City Council approved a contract to purchase the property last Tuesday during its regular monthly meeting.

Council members Mary Flores, Ralph Gonzalez, Martha McDonald, and Tomas Gomez, Jr. voted in favor of the contract, Tencha Pena abstained.

"Mr. Porter, it's been a long time in coming, but we've finally got your proof of documentation of ownership, and we have finally gotten a survey," said Mayor Carmen Berlanga.

Mayor Berlanga then asked Porter if he was aware there was less property than originally thought, due to the easement of FM 2804 as indicated on the survey.

"What we're talking about is lot 14. Apparently a small portion had been deeded to the state sometime back," explained City Attorney Pat Dodson.

Porter said the state had come out when the survey was being done. The state indicated to him at that time, they did have a 100' easement, but that the center of the road was not the center of the easement.

"He (the state) told them they needed to take a 100' from the

marking on this fence line to over here and that would be the property line.

"The State can't find anything that says that they can claim any part of any of those properties. That was brought to his attention, to the surveyor," said Porter to the surveyor," said Porter.

"Well all we can go by is what the professional surveyor signed off on," said Dodson.

"Now what? Where are we at now? Are we going to have to wait and go back and see what the state has to say," asked Porter.

"Well, it kind of puts us in the middle doesn't it. I mean, either it is or it isn't. I have the only documentation that we see, is what's there in front of you," said Councilman Ralph Gonzalez.

"What you just said we don't have any documentation. So either there's more property there or there is less property, I don't know."

"I myself would like to get this matter settled but so many discrepancies keep coming up," said Gonzalez.

Porter was then given a contract that the council had discussed early in executive session.

"I've read over your contract and I agree with it. There's only one stipulation that I would like

to have in section 11 under special provision. I would like something that indicates the buyer accepts the property with the gas main, water and sewer being in the property.

"I realize that this is property of the city, but I would like that stipulated in there, other than that I would accept the contract," said Porter.

"The contract, you have a copy of, is a proposal based on my understanding of things up to this date. It does provide for the sale price of \$7,000 cash and provides for the city to pay all the closing cost other than any curative matters that might be required," said Dodson.

Councilman Gonzales motioned to approve the revised contract, with no objection to title regarding the encroachment shown on the survey, seconded by Mary Flores.

It was brought to the City Council's attention, in October of last year, that the utility lines were encroaching on Porter's property.

Porter told the council that he had contracts for sale on two of the lots when he discovered the utility lines were outside the easement and on the lots. Subsequently, the purchasers backed out of the deal.

Porter wanted to know what

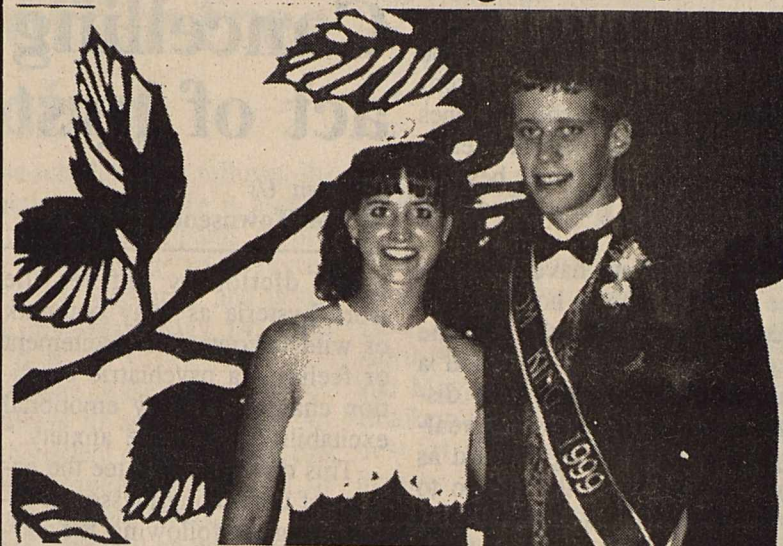
the city would do to remedy the problem, be it move the lines, purchase the lots, or reimburse him for his lost sales.

The council decided to do a survey to determine the exact lo-

cation of the lines and research the cost associated with moving the lines.

One estimate to move the gas line alone was in excess of \$19,000.

### Brackett Prom King and Queen



Pictured above, from left to right is Lindsey Brotherton and Colby Crosby, this years Prom King and Queen.

This years Brackett High School Junior/Senior Prom was held this past Saturday at the Las Moras Restaurant at Fort Clark Springs.

The theme was "Capturing the moments in time," with the colors being black, red and silver.

Sergio Diaz was the DJ for this years Prom. As a memento all those in attendance received a collective candle tin, with the engraving of "Brackettville Prom 1999", on the top.

Lindsey Brotherton was voted this years Prom Queen, and Colby Crosby this years King.

### Briefs ...

#### Border Patrol

#### Monthly Reports

The following is a recap of Del Rio Sector Border Patrol activities during April 1999: Apprehensions; Abilene - 157, Brackettville - 1,960, Carrizo Springs - 2,821, Comstock - 219, Del Rio - 3,500, Eagle Pass - 6,912, Llano - 89, Rocksprings - 329, San Angelo - 275, and Uvalde - 923. Sector total - 17,185, other than Mexican, 306.

Marijuana Seized - 4,315.08 pounds, value - \$3,442,203.00

Border Patrol Agents from the Del Rio Sector rescued 18 Mexican Nationals from potential death during April.

Unfortunately, the bodies of 6 individuals were reported recovered during April.

#### Visitor Center to

#### Open Saturday

Fort Clark Springs will open the Visitors Center this Saturday, May 15 at 9 a.m. The center is designed to acquaint visitors to the area with Fort Clark Springs. Tours of the Fort are planned frequently as visitors arrive throughout the day and volunteers will conduct the tours. The Visitors Center is open everyday, Monday through Saturday from 9 to 4 and on Sunday from 1 to 4. The Center is located on the northeast corner of the courtyard at the administration building.

#### Band Concert to

#### be held this week.

The Brackett ISD elementary and middle school Band Concert will be held on Tuesday, May 18th at 7 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The High School Band Concert will be held on Thursday, May 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.

#### Flores named

#### Mayor Pro Tem

Mary Flores was appointed Mayor Pro Tem, by the City Council at last Tuesday's regular monthly meeting. She will be serving a one year term.

#### Students need

#### host parents

Looking for host families interested students and families should contact The American International Youth Student Exchange at, 1-800-347-7575.

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### 4-H District 10 Winners



Pictured above (left to right) is Bailee Allen and Jacquelyn Conoly.

The 1999 District 10 4-H Roundup was held in Boerne, Texas, May 1, 1999. Kinney County was well represented by Bailee Allen and Jacquelyn Conoly. This was both girls first time to compete in the District 10 Roundup.

Bailee competed in the Pre Junior Division - Beef Cattle Junior Symposium Category with a demonstration titled "The Cattle King". She made her presentation on the cattle industry. She placed first in her division with her illustrated talk.

Jacquelyn Conoly competed in the "Share-the-Fun" Junior Division - Vocal Category. She sang a country western medley of "Blue Moon of Kentucky" and yodeled in "Cowboy Sweetheart". She won first place in her division and was honored to be selected to perform during the awards ceremony.

## County awards \$20,032 bid

Tanya Kay McClure  
STAFF WRITER

The Kinney County Commissioners Court met this past Monday to discuss several important matters and to hear several guest speakers. Commissioner Joe Williams was not in attendance.

The first item on the agenda was the awarding of bids to Spartan Contracting, owned by David Mann Sr., for repairs to the Little League Field roof and the Civic Center roof/ceiling.

A total of three bids were received. The bid was awarded for \$20,032. This bid was approximately \$2,300 less than two other bids that were received.

The Court held off on awarding a bid for the repair of the Justice of the Peace office roof. The Commissioners wanted to resubmit to their insurance company before any decisions on could be made.

A presentation was given by Mr. Hector Flores of Middle Rio Grande Development Council on additional community services and added revenue for the Nutrition Center.

MRGDC is trying to generate more money for the Nutrition Center to meet the growing

needs of our county.

Mr. Flores stated that anyone under the age of 60 should be required to pay the \$4.00 per plate fee and those over 60 should be asked for donations.

Flores recommended that the Nutrition Center hold Bingos, small weddings, raffles and dances.

It was also suggested that the Center be rented out to local organizations for their functions, and to charge for the use of the kitchen facility to earn more money for the Center.

The Commissioners Court still had some reservations as they have in previous meetings about renting out the facility.

The Court is worried about upkeep on the Center, reasonable, yet economic pricing, and competition with other local facilities.

The Commissioners are not wanting to (step on toes, so to speak.)

The Court asked Julie Fuentes, Head Nutritionist for the Nutrition Center to make up a game plan, and to develop guidelines for usage of the center and present it to Commissioners Court in the near future for their consideration.

Robert Elledge, Kinney

County Extension Agent gave a report on the recent Focus Forum that was held. A total of 27 people from around the community showed up. "We had an excellent turnout for our county," said Elledge.

Planning is still underway, but the group is working toward certain goals that will be reached in the future.

Elledge also reported that a total of ninety youth are currently enrolled in the Kinney County 4-H program. That is a 21% increase from last years totals.

Elledge hopes that by the end of the year a total of one hundred youth will be enrolled in the 4-H program here in Brackettville.

A report was made by County Commissioner Freddie Frerich on the Pinto Creek Bridge Project. A few minor things are still needed before the completion of the bridge.

A welder is needed for a few more days and the rails need to be painted, among other items.

Mr. Frerich stated that another couple thousand dollars is needed to finish off the project

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## Water Commission, SB-1 Water planning

In June 1997, Governor George W. Bush signed into law Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), comprehensive water legislation enacted by the 75th Texas Legislature.

This comprehensive water legislation was an outgrowth of increased awareness of the vulnerability of Texas to drought and to the limits of existing water supplies to meet increasing demands as population grows.

The state's population is expected to increase from its current level of about 19 million to more than 36 million people by the year 2050.

With passage of SB 1, the Legislature put in place a "bottom up" water planning process designed to ensure that the water needs of all Texans are met as Texas enters the 21st century.

SB 1 allows individuals representing 11 interest groups to serve as members of Regional Water Planning Groups (RWPG) to prepare regional water plans for their respective areas.

These plans will map out how to conserve water supplies, meet future water supply needs and respond to future droughts in the planning areas.

In accordance with SB 1, regional water plans must be completed and adopted by September 1, 2000, and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) must approve and incorporate the regional water plans into a comprehensive state water plan by September 1, 2001. The water plans will be updated every five years.

How much will it cost to prepare a regional water plan?

SB 1 provides state financial assistance administered by the TWDB to assist in paying for the preparation of regional water plans.

TWDB rules provide that state funds will be used to pay 100 percent of the direct planning costs, while RWPG will be required to cover 100 percent of their administrative costs.

All 16 RWPG complied with the August 1, 1998 deadline to submit to the TWDB completed grant applications for state financial assistance and scopes of work for preparing regional water plans.

Additional state financial assistance will be considered by the Legislature during its session

convening in January 1999.

The following tasks are common to each regional water plan: Determine water demands, determine water supplies available for use during drought of record, determine where and when there is a surplus or a need for additional supplies, determine social and economic impact of not meeting needs, develop plans that contain: specific strategies to meet future near-term needs (less than 30 years), Identified needs with no feasible solutions, identify ecologically unique streams and rivers, identify unique sites for reservoir construction, coordinate with neighboring regions concerning mutual interests and shared resources, and propose regulatory, administrative or legisla-

tive recommendations to improve water resource management in the state.

What are the benefits of participating in developing regional water plans?

- The opportunity to identify regional solutions to water supply problems with resulting lower supply costs.

- The opportunity to obtain detailed current population data for small communities and rural areas in the region.

For communities of less than 1,000 population, this information is not available in the 1997 state water plan, nor is it readily available from official sources.

- The opportunity to analyze water supplies, water demand and water resource management

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Do you see why I'm confused?

The Way I See it  
By Steven R. LaMascus

Well, it's started. As I write this Jack Kevorkian has begun his threatened hunger strike. He had said that if he were convicted he would starve himself to death. My response to that is, who cares? He has been a quasi-protected serial killer for years and as far as I'm concerned it's his turn. Goodbye Jack. Have a nice trip.

It is sad that he has killed so many weak, depressed, and desperate people over the years. He claims he is performing a service. He says those people have a "right to die." I say the only person who has a right to decide if someone is going to die or not is God. He created us and he will call us home.

What is very disturbing to me is the simple fact that it took so long and cost so many lives. It is humiliating that we live in a country that has taken that long to work up the nerve to convict this arrogant murderer.

I guess that if he truly believes in a right to die we should not deny him his rights. Way to go Jack, stand up for your rights!

I also saw another program last night on the abortion clinic murders. 60 Minutes was "investigating" a Lutheran minister who is apparently inciting various factions to take violent action against these clinics and the doctors who perform the abortions. As you might expect the slant was totally liberal in presentation. The evil minister was promoting murder while the doctors were performing a much-needed humanitarian service.

Excuse me, but I'm confused again. How can we vilify a man who promotes murder and in the very next breath sanctify doctors who do the same thing? I always thought murder was murder.

Not once during the part of the show that I watched was the word kill used in connection with the abortion of a human child. The commentators made it sound like nothing more than a tonsillectomy. Yet every other word used in connection with the destruction of the doctors was murder. You can't have it both ways folks. Murder is murder, age is immaterial, doctor or child doesn't matter, and neither is right in the eyes of God. People in favor of abortion are not "pro-choice" they are pro-murder!

People who kill the doctors are just as guilty as the doctors themselves.

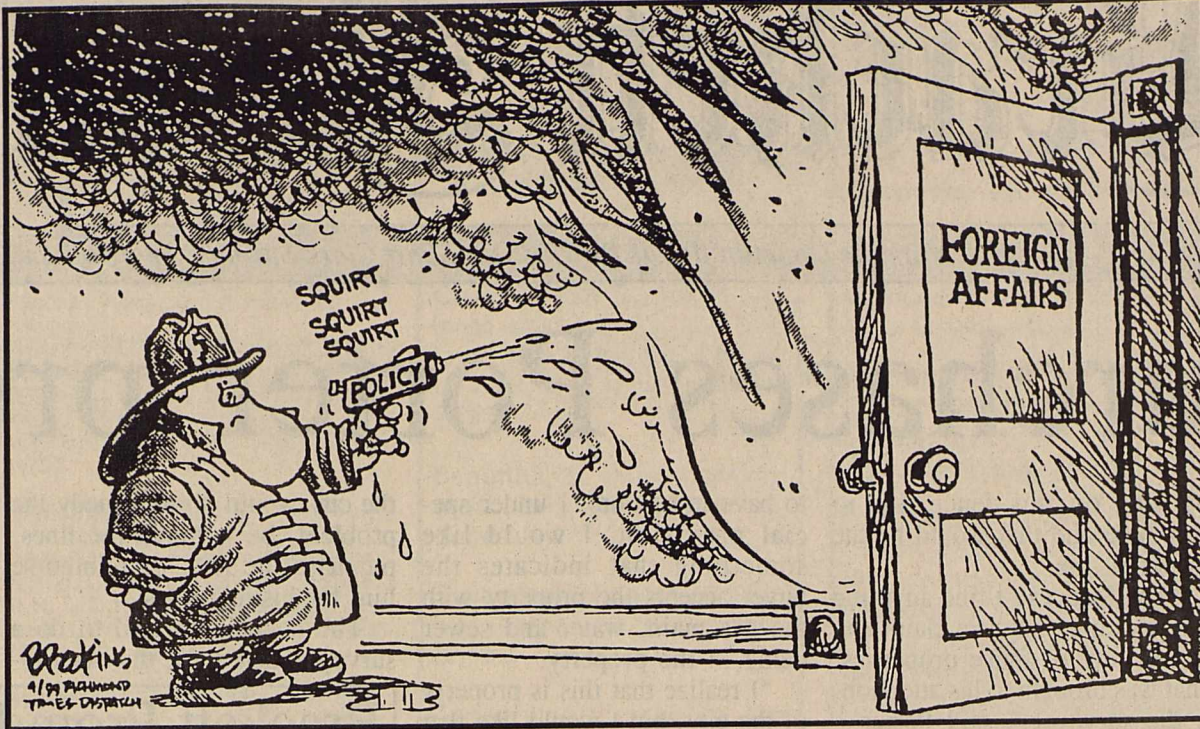
People who speak out against abortion are portrayed as wild-eyed radicals. We are called "anti-choice." It is really amazing what kind of spin the media can put on a story by simply using poorly descriptive words. "Anti-choice" makes us sound like communists that are against baseball and mom's apple pie. We are anti-American, anti-constitution, anti-humanity, anti-everything. We don't care if there are gazillions of babies out there without homes. We are hard-hearted bastards that don't have the good of the people in mind.

Wow! How convoluted and partisan can you get? I thought we were the ones fighting for the survival of innocent children, and now I find out that the ones who want to kill them are really the ones who have their best interest in mind. Do you see why I'm confused?

Here again we have a case of the media telling us how to think instead of just reporting the facts. They have cultivated a thin, transparent veneer of disinterested honesty, but in reality they are working as hard as they can to sway the public to their viewpoint. It is a frightening joke to those who see it and a cancer to those who can't.

The shameful thing is that they are so successful. If you believe the polls a large part of the American public believes everything they see in the news. They are naive enough to trust the media, and the media is conceited enough to allow it. They actually believe their own propaganda. They think we are so dumb that we don't know what is good for us so they must tell us. We can't be trusted to make up our own minds based on the evidence, we must be told what the evidence means. I don't know about you but that is insulting to me.

You and I make decisions every day based on the best available data; it is part of life. Why then do we need the media to tell us what to think about national interest items? Let's try to ignore the liberal rhetoric, pay attention to the cold, hard facts, and make our decisions based on logic, reason, honesty, and compassion. They may not realize it but we don't need the media, they need us.



Cancelling N.R.A. convention act of hysteria after Littleton

Between Us  
By Joe Townsend

My dictionary defines the word hysteria as "any outbreak of wild uncontrolled excitement or feeling - a psychiatric condition characterized by emotional excitability, excessive anxiety."

This describes to a tee the actions of unthinking masses in regard to guns following the carnage in Littleton. Of course slick Willy has more laws he wants to control guns and too many give credibility to his inane rhetoric. His and his ilk demonizing the N.R.A. is nothing short of hysteria. He wants to force all guns to have "safety locks." The reason being it will keep children from using guns. In the first place to think any safety lock on guns will keep children from using them shows an abysmal lack of common sense. The principal interest of having a hand gun in the house is for protection. Any delay in being able to fire the gun could cost a life. The normal safety on the gun, both long guns and hand guns, is sufficient. Demands for cancelling the N.R.A. convention in Denver were purely acts of hysteria.

There is no organization in America that takes the time and

spends the money to teach gun safety more than the N.R.A. There is no organization that fights harder to protect the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. It is made doubly difficult when we have a president and his clones who have no regard for the Constitution. Typical of the inane rhetoric of Clinton and his "ites" they prate about the "children." One of the killers in Colorado was an adult and the other was only a few months short. These are "children?" They broke 19 laws. Only a brain dead imbecile would think they wouldn't break any number of new laws.

Until the public rises up and makes violation of law subject to prosecution and penalty. To blame guns for crimes is like blaming pipes for the manufacture and use of pipe bombs. I'm waiting until the lawyers who reaped their dirty millions from tobacco companies and who seeking more millions from gun manufacturers decide to file suit against all pipe makers' because thugs make bombs with pipe. It makes as much sense.

The problem is not guns but people. I have always had guns. My guns were never locked up nor hidden. They were always loaded with the safeties engaged.

We had five children. Four of them are alive and have families of their own. When my boys were 9 years old I taught them to shoot and hunt with a 22 rifle. At twelve I taught them to shoot and hunt with a 32 special rifle (same as a 30-30). At sixteen I taught them to shoot and hunt with a 30-06 Springfield. Never did we have the least problem over guns. It is the parents responsibility to teach and control their children. If children are taught proper respect and behavior there is no need to worry that they will become murderers.

When Clinton and his Justice Department become more interested in enforcing the laws already on the books than in T.V. opts and raising money you can pass all the laws you want and the situation will only get worse. Its high time the people start thinking. I believe it was Edison who said "98% of the people let 2% think for them," and he wasn't wrong.

Last week back east a student drew a picture of a gun and held it up for the class to see. The principal suspended the student for a day and ordered the boy to be sent back to the school he had transferred from. This is hysteria.

Why call them convenience stores

But I could be wrong  
By Chuck Hall

In 1970 I did my student teaching, part of the educational graduation requirements, at Marfa High School. There were some great kids there. I still remember many of them. I happened to be passing through that samewest Texas town some twenty years after my short stay there. I was on my way to Arizona to do some quail hunting with friends. That's another story.

Anyway, we stopped for gas at a convenience store (Why do

they call them that? Are there any INCONVENIENCE stores?). While we were there a young man was also gassing up his pickup. He approached me and asked if I remembered him. I couldn't quite put a name to the face but I knew he was a part of my Marfa High teaching past. He reminded me who he was. He had been in my Algebra I class during that period of time in my life. He told me that he still remembered something I had told him. I was delighted to think I had made such an impact on his young life.

I asked him to please tell me

what words of wisdom I had spoken that had remained so long in his memory. What pearls of mine had so long endured the passage of time? He told me that I had once told the class that running tracks was not necessarily healthy because since you run in a circular track, one leg had to go farther than the other and would therefore become longer than the other.

This is what he remembered from my expert teaching style? This is all he had retained from my mathematics classroom? I used to think I had been a good teacher. But I could be wrong.

\$97 billion state budget

SUBMITTED BY:  
Rep. Pete P. Gallego

Last week, the Texas House of Representatives passed a \$97 billion biennial state budget. Out of context, this sound-bite can give taxpayers the impression that legislators think only on a grand scale. It can also bring to mind remark once made by U.S. Senator Everett Dirksen, "a billion here a billion there, pretty soon, we'll be talking about real money."

No one I know operates in billions of dollars, and the truth is, neither do legislators.

The state budget is not constructed of billion dollar decisions. In fact, the state budget is composed of a billion small decisions.

The budget does not just spring forth as a fully formed document. It was slowly constructed during two years of information gathering, hundreds of hours of testimony, and thousands of spreadsheets.

Because of this responsible approach, the Texas Legislature will make a significant investment in public education this session.

The foundation of this year's budget bill was laid in the fall of 1997 and Spring of 1998 when the Legislative Budget Board laid out state wide objectives.

Each agency was examined to assess what services it could provide to achieve these broad goals. A set of objectives was then established for each individual agency.

The Legislative Budget Board (LBB), an organization of more than 100 economists and policy analysts spent the next eighteen months working with state agencies to determine what resources the agencies would need to meet these objectives.

From these discussions, the LBB constructed a rough draft of the state budget for the House Appropriations Committee.

With 27 senior members of the House, the Appropriations Committee is the largest committee in the entire legislature. Most committees have nine members and hear hundreds of bills throughout the session. We produce one major bill, HB 1, the state budget.

The Appropriations Committee scheduled hearings to listen to proposals from the head of every state agency. No programs or agencies receive automatic funding.

Board members and Executive Directors must present their objectives and justify each budget request. Legislators find out who will benefit from each proposal, how many people will be assisted and to what extent.

Virtually no expenditure is too small to be scrutinized. In evaluating an agency's budget, the House Appropriations Committee reviews the agency's performance over the past two years and sets new goals.

Agencies are held accountable because future funding is based on past performance.

Through this rigorous process, the House of Representatives arrives at a finely tuned budget.

Texas government will be financed well enough to respond to the needs of its citizens effectively and efficiently. Though the proposed budget is still very lean, it makes significant investments in public education.

This session our goal is to dedicate \$3 billion in new funds to public education. This will be a 13% increase over last year's public education budget.

Of all the new funds coming into the state treasury, we propose to spend nearly 70% on public education.

The state budgeting is the most important, and justifiably time consuming issues of the entire legislative session.

For two years we have worked diligently examining the needs of our state. Because of our careful appropriations this year, Texas children will see the benefit for years to come.

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Big Mama Sez!



The only way to have a friend it to be one

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## Congratulations to the new School Board members

**Making a Difference**  
BY TAYLOR STEPHENSON

Teachers today are called upon to teach basic skills, higher level thinking, identify at risk children early, making sure to teach drug education, sex education, an appreciation of the world of work, and get your kids ready for TAAS. Teaching in the 90s is a tough job. We're fortunate in Brackettville to have some really fine teachers. We have a cadre of positive thinkers who don't let the pressures of the job, community life, and the family take them to negativity. I hope that you will take the

time to write or call your favorite teacher (whether still teaching or retired) and thank them for their influence in your life. In behalf of the school district, I offer a tip of the hat to all teachers for a job well done!

How about Sonya Correa? At the regional track meet, she won the two mile and was third a very close mile run. We're proud of you Sonya & Coach Julie Bruce. Many of our students did well at the regional track meet, but Sonya deserves special recognition for going on to state. Go get 'em Sonya!

Congratulations to new school Board members: Henry

Lutz and Ronnie Hobbs. Welcome aboard! Thanks should also go to Michael Schuster, Ken Curry, Beverly Wright, and Robert Fuentes for being candidates in the election. The election was a good one, and there was not a negative pall over the election. Each of you had good ideas for the school district. I hope that you will continue to be involved in serving on citizen committees and as volunteers for the children.

The last day of the Texas legislative session is May 30. It appears as if there will be a good increase in teacher salaries, tax relief and some additional facilities monies. We don't know what the end result will be, but

expect an improvement in the funding levels of public schools.

Our school district is heavily involved in trying to improve the courses offered to high school students. We're into distance learning and dual credit courses. We want students to leave BHS with close to a year's worth of college courses. It's possible to do. We're working with Region 20 in San Antonio on a couple of distance learning courses in physics and calculus. Small schools have great difficulty offering everything to everyone. With distance learning, we can do a better job of course offerings.

That's about it for this week. Have a great week!

## Obituaries

### Larry C. Groce, Jr.

Larry C. Groce, Jr., 62, of Abilene, died Saturday May 8, 1999 at St. Lukes Episcopal Hospital in Houston.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, at First Central Presbyterian Church. Officiating were Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, Dr. Cliff Stewart and Mr. Frank Puckett.

Mr. Groce was born in Duncan, Oklahoma on December 25, 1936. He was a member of First Central Presbyterian Church. He graduated from Spring Branch High School in 1954 and attended Sam Houston State University for three and a half years.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Groce, of Abilene; two sons, Glenn Groce of Houston,

and John Groce of Abilene; one daughter, Shelly Barret of Houston; his mother and father, Opal and L. C. Groce of Ft. Clark Springs, TX.; one sister, Delia Curry of Ft. Clark Springs, TX.; three grandchildren, Brooke Barret, Lillie Groce and Hannah Groce.

Pallbearers were Don Brooks, Frank Puckett, Dave Stenzel, Ken Murphy, Joe Davis, and Bruce Sutherland. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Goins, Russell Higgins, Jim McNeer and Ronnie Hennis.

Memorials may be sent to Disability Resources, Inc., 3601 N. Danville, Abilene, TX. 79603

Services were under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Homes, 542 Hickory, Abilene.

### Daisy B. (Jones) Larson

Daisy B. (Jones) Larson entered into eternal rest May 6, 1999, at the age of 88. Born on April 20, 1911, to Ben S. Jones and Mary Ellen Asher Jones in Brackettville. Daisy was the eldest of five sisters and one brother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Jean Stewart, Pansy Spain, Sybil Wyrick, brother Ben S. Jones Jr. and son James V. Daly Jr. She is survived by her husband Francis S. Larson, sister Mary Thalia Garnett, daughter Doreen Larson Michael, daughter-in-law Martha (Mickey) Daly, grandchildren Patricia Leifeste, Kitten Daly Fohn, Tiffany Stephen Hancock, Ned Jackson Michael II, Candice Michelle Michael, Brittany Larson Michael, great grandchildren Shelly Renee Leifeste, Shara Kay Leifeste, Laci LeaAnne Leifeste, James Collins Leifeste and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at First United Methodist Church of Brackettville, Sunday, May 9, 1999, at 4 p.m. Pastor Kenneth F. Sellers Jr. officiating. Interment followed in the Brackettville Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charles Spain, Jack Wyrick, Ben S. Jones III, and John Jones. Honorary pallbearer was Ward Pomeroy.

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## Annual "Fiesta Fashion" Show

### Allen takes 5th place

The annual District 10 4-H Fashion Show was held Saturday, April 24th, with this years theme being "Fashion Fiesta".

This years event was hosted by the Family and Science Department at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

Representing Kinney County was nine year old, Bailee Allen. She competed in the Pre Jr. Division; Construction - Dresses/Jumpers Category.

Bailee represented our county well, bringing home a 5th place ribbon and had the time of her life doing it.



Pictured above is Bailee Allen, 5th place winner in this years Fashion Show.

## Red Cross to offer free Disaster training

Sometimes local communities are left to fend for themselves because a disaster has crippled the roadways and airways. When these lifelines of support are severed, the need for trained local disaster volunteers is critical.

In 1998 the San Antonio Area Red Cross witnessed several episodes of disaster in communities where outside support was cut off or delayed.

As a consequence of those episodes we have learned that there is an urgent need to increase the number and capability of local volunteers.

Local citizens can help their community by becoming volunteers. On May 14, 15, and 16 the Red Cross will be holding Disaster Response Training classes at the Reading Room of the Uvalde Civic Center.

These classes train volunteers to begin an immediate local disaster response while outside assistance is still trying to get in and to follow through with support activities when help arrives.

The schedule is as follows: Introduction to Disaster is a class that teaches participants to initiate a response to disaster should the need arise and is offered on Friday, May 14, from 6-10 p.m.

Damage Assessment trains volunteers to assess damage so that the extent of destruction can be determined and relayed to outside support efforts.

This class will be held on Saturday, May 15, from 8-12 a.m.

Mass Care is a class that teaches participants how to feed victims and volunteers during a disaster response and is offered Saturday, May 15, from 1-5 p.m.

Shelter Operations prepares staff on how to open and manage a shelter and how to deal sensitively with the needs of the victims.

This class will be held on Sunday, May 16, from 1-5 p.m.

For more information, or to register, please call 1-800-775-6803 ext. 312 or Ricardo Nevarez at (830) 278-4180.

## Haenn to Graduate from West Point

Margaret Lee Haenn, daughter of Kyoung Suk Haenn of San Antonio and William F. Haenn of Fort Clark Springs, will graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, the Class of 1999, on Saturday, May 29, 1999.

Margaret is a 1991 graduate of Heidelberg American High School in Heidelberg, Germany where she was the first commander of the school's Junior ROTC unit. Margaret attended Texas A&M University as a member of the Corps of Cadets for two years before enlisting in the United States Army in 1993.

She was then assigned to the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas where she was rec-



Margaret Lee Haenn recognized for her leadership potential and selected from the ranks of the Regular Army to attend the United States Military

Academy Preparatory School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Margaret received a Presidential appointment to the Military Academy upon graduation from the Prep School in 1995.

Margaret graduates with a Bachelor of Science degree in Systems Engineering and German. With graduation she becomes part of the "Long Gray Line" and enters the United States Army as a commissioned officer.

She is to be commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Signal Corps and will be assigned to Fort Hood, Texas following her attendance at the Signal Officer Basic Course at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

### Monday, May 3

Armando Cardenas, Jr., of Del Rio, age 48 was arrested by DPS Trooper Ashley for a Parole Warrant.

### Wednesday, May 5

11:15 p.m. A Fort Clark Springs woman called in to report that her daughter had left home and did not return. She is 15 yrs. old and was going to school. The woman stated that she would call the Ft. Clark gate and inform them of the situation.

8:13 a.m. A man from San Antonio called in and stated that one of his employees called him and said that he had an accident ten miles west of Brackettville. DPS officer Richard Slubar was advised of the accident.

1:32 a.m. An Alarm Alert Company called in and reported that an alarm at a local ranch was going off. Sheriff Buddy Burgess responded and stated that everything was secure.

### Thursday, May 6

5:00 p.m. Chief of Police Ron Ring, responded to a call from a local woman concerning a broken window. The woman stated that a young boy living behind her had done it and that the eleven year old was picking a fight with some younger

children. Ring spoke to the child's mother about the situation and she stated that she would take care of the broken window and talk to her son.

2:15 p.m. A call was received from a County Maintenance person, reporting that during his lunch hour, someone had stolen his post hole digger from the Little League Field. The case is still under investigation.

8:23 p.m. A Spofford woman called to report a dog at the old Spofford dump. Animal Control was contacted, but no answer.

### Friday, May 7

12:13 a.m. A local woman called in to report a brown truck with kids, passing by her house teasing her dog, and driving close to her vehicle. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was notified of the situation. He patrolled the area and said that he could not locate anyone.

### Saturday, May 8

3:01 p.m. A local woman called in for assistance, stating that a man was drunk and bothering her. Deputy Karl Chism was notified. He advised the man to come back later and talk to her.

11:00 a.m. Hector Lara, age 27, of Lewisville, Texas, was

arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar for failing to identify an owners permit violation.

11:00 a.m. Titerian Sanchez, age 18, of Salinas, Mexico, was arrested by DPS Trooper Slubar for no drivers license and no insurance.

8:10 p.m. Robert Barrie, of Fort Clark Springs, age 80, was arrested for Stalking by Police officer Karl Chism. He was later released on a PR Bond.

### Sunday, May 9

8:31 p.m. A Border Patrol Agent reported a west bound, red Pontiac traveling at a high rate of speed coming from Fritter Park. Deputy Karl Chism was notified.

9:47 p.m. Reserve Deputy Karl Chism responded to gunfire near Beaumont St. Upon arriving at the scene, he talked to six families in the area and could not find anyone that could tell him the exact location of the disturbance.

7:28 p.m. A man from New Mexico called in to the station concerning his mother. Deputy Johnny Fritter was dispatched to her home and no one could be located.

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**Agents seize 782.2 pounds of marijuana**

Del Rio, Texas - Border Patrol Agents from the Del Rio Sector seized 782.2 pounds of marijuana.

Thursday, April 29, agents from the Eagle Pass Station seized 469.2 pounds of marijuana valued at \$365,360.

Agents were following tracks leading from the Rio Grande River approximately 9 miles East of the Eagle Pass Port of Entry when they came upon a mobile home.

A Border Patrol K-9 Unit was called in and indicated the presence of aliens or drugs.

A search of the unoccupied mobile home yielded seven feed sacks containing 469.2 pounds

of marijuana. Friday, April 30, agents from the Brackettville Station seized 313 pounds of marijuana valued at \$250,400.

At approximately noon, agents attempted to stop a vehicle near Campwood, Texas. An individual drove the vehicle off into the Nueces River. As the vehicle stopped, the occupants ran into the brush. One of the occupants was seen carrying a rifle or shotgun.

Law enforcement officers in the area were notified and joined Border Patrol Agents in the search for the subjects. The vehicle was found to contain 313 pounds of marijuana.



Pictured above (left to right) Dave Crowe and Frances McMaster

**Dave Crowe speaks to Rotary**

Cowboy poet and homespun philosopher, Dave Crowe, entertained Brackettville Rotary Club members at their Thursday luncheon meeting with poetry and comments on what it means to be an American. Crowe, who recently spoke at the celebration of a friend's naturalization party, had been thinking about who Americans are. We've come from all over the globe, either generations back, or recently. He said that as the "sheriff" at Alamo Village, he continually sees visitors from all over the world.

The uniqueness of American Cowboys and their role in the development of the West seems to fascinate everyone. Life was hard in those times, but ethics were simple. A handshake

could be a contract that was as honored as a written document.

Crowe's creativity flows when he thinks of life in those days. He explains that there are cowboy poets who write, or have written, serious poems. However, he writes amusing poetry, squeezing humor out of everyday life in the days of the cowboy. He can find fun in "sourdough bread" and in imagining the experience of a naive, untraveled rancher who visits the city for the first time. Crowe also shares with us the inspiration he received from Happy Shahan.

The Rotary Club will be chaired by program chairmen until new officers are installed since president J.J. Guidry is no longer in Brackettville.

**Briefs ...**

**Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meets**

Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Alicia Raymer on Monday, April 12th, for their regular meeting. Alicia served chicken salad, rolls, eggs and cake to Doraline Keller, Clara McCord, Bobbie Waddell, Luella Gilliland, Marge Geeze, Jan Chism, Pat McKelvy, Nancy Frerich, and visitor B.J. Eckenrod.

President Alicia Raymer led the opening ritual and conducted a short business meeting. New officers were announced: Luella Gilliland, President, Arlys Simpson,

Vice President, Pat McKelvy, Secretary and Bobbie Waddill, Treasurer.

The preparation of the chapter scrapbook was discussed. Also, plans for Founders Day were confirmed and will be held on April 30th at Clara McCord's home. Alicia Raymer gave her program about some famous women. She read the history of Joan of Arc. Each member picked from a selection provided by Alicia and read aloud about other famous women.

After the program, all stood for the closing ritual and mizpah.

**Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meets**

Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Nancy Frerich on Monday, May 3, 1999. Nancy served taquitos, taco salad, chips, dips and cake to Arlys Simpson, Clara McCord, Molly Schroeder, Alicia Raymer, Jan Chism, Pat McKelvy, Doraline Keller, Marge Geeze, Luella Gilliland, Bobbie Waddill and B.J. Eckenrod.

President Alicia Raymer led the installation of officers. Installed were Luella Gilliland,

President, Arlys Simpson, Vice President, Pat McKelvy, Secretary and Bobbie Waddill, Treasurer. After installation of officers, Alicia led the opening ritual and conducted a short business meeting. The new executive board had previously met and announced the new committee chairman's for the next year. Nancy Frerich presented her program on cake decorating. After the program, each were welcomed to decorate their own cupcake.

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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 entertaining the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he graduated 12th from the class of 1879. He was assigned at 2nd Lt. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory at 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.

**Tuesday, April 26, 1887**

After guard mounting attended to office work and then had hair clipped off close all over my head as it is becoming very thin on top and by cutting it very short it may come out again. Then played tennis with Harris, Guard, Buck & Thurston enjoying the games a great deal and not feeling too warm. Letters came from Mr. Terrell at San Antonio in regard to dividing our land, from Hewitt and one in reply to mine about the insurance matter giving little satisfaction. Read the papers in the office and then worked on the proceedings of the Board until dinner besides taking a bath. Had usual reading at Harris' until tattoo. Worked on the proceedings after tattoo almost gong to sleep over them. Commenced to read "L'Amour" and shall endeavor to finish it this time.

**Wednesday, April 27, 1887**

Marched on guard this morning and after attending to office work played tennis until mail came. It brought letters from Mother who was with Lula and from home. Wrote to Geary before breakfast enclosing Mr. Terrell's letter about dividing our land. After mail time worked on proceedings of Board finishing them by dinner time. Am very glad that this is over, and now I can do some things that have had to be neglected. Met on a Board about Maj. Wilcox's furniture also before dinner. During dinner a telegram came with instructions to have "I" Troop prepare to change with "C" Troop. This takes away Elliott and brings Fountain and Cabell. After dinner went up to office to attend to some work. Took the calls at retreat and then walked over with Harris & Thurston to see the latter's company garden and afterwards sat on his porch chatting. Had our usual reading later on until tattoo. After taking the calls wrote letter home during which was interrupted two or three times by Maj. Wilcox and once by Capt. Vance who came in to complain about a cow with a bell on that kept him from sleeping. Went up to the guard house and gave orders to have the cows driven off. Read in L'Amour and dozed after completing letter.

**Thursday, April 28, 1887**

Attended to office work after marching off guard and then went up to the Commissary & Quartermaster's to get bills for the mess. Stopped at the mess house also to have a talk with a woman who wants to cook in Mollie's place when latter goes to San Antonio with the troop. Read the papers at the office.

Mail had nothing for me. It was quite warm today. Played cards before dinner with Maj. Wilcox. No drill this evening on account of the heat and further drills have been suspended until cooler weather. It was my evening for drill, so that the suspension came just in time. Sat at Guard's for a short time in the evening after attending to some work at the office and then played a few games of cards with Maj. Wilcox. Had usual reading at Harris'. After tattoo beat Maj. Wilcox badly at cribbage and read a little in "L'Amour." Engaged the cook for the mess this evening and hope she will do as well as Mollie.

**Friday, April 29, 1887**

Was detained at office almost all day attending to different papers and preparing the muster and inspection tomorrow. Also went to the Commissary and from there to the Quartermaster's and learned amount of personal and mess bills. Am prepared to settle with other members of the mess for everything except the meat bill and this is to be in tomorrow. Our mess will cost a little over \$21, a great deal cheaper than at Clark and a much better mess. Mail brought short letter from Col. Jordan with no news in it. After dinner sat on Thurston's porch smoking and after retreat indicated places for markers flags for review tomorrow morning. Then played cribbage until tattoo with Maj. Wilcox. No reading tonight as Harris went to Roma today and did not return in time. Went up to his house after tattoo but he was not there and then sat a few moments at Thurston's. Afterwards read in "L'Amour" while Thurston and Maj. Wilcox played cards. Changed bedroom to one across the hall on the cool side that is much more comfortable.

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**FOOTSTEPS ECHO**

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

Courtesy of his descendants

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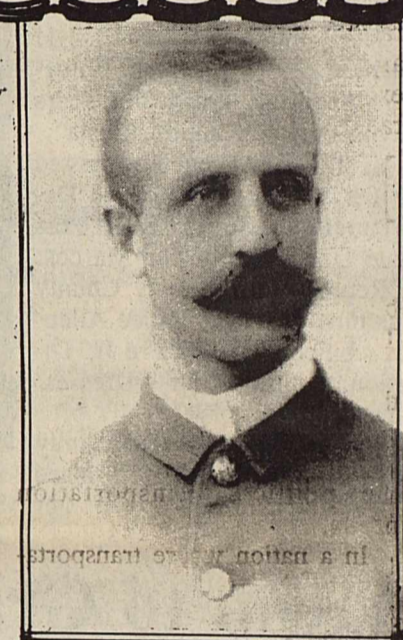
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my land as soon as possible. Got up at reveille and prepared for inspection, review & muster which took place at 7 o'clock. Did not finish until 8:30 when went to office to prepare papers for Maj. Wilcox' signature. Ate breakfast after guard mounting. After attending to office work settled bills at Commissary and Quartermaster's and straightened out account with butcher who wanted to charge the mess more than was due him. Mail brought letters from home, from Marie Gorgas and a receipted bill from the Mil'y. Ser. Inst. with a bundle of papers from home. Went into Capt. Vance to read him Marie's letter as he thinks a great deal of her. A telegram came this afternoon indefinitely suspending the change between "C" & "I" Troops. This keeps the latter here much to their disappointment. They have a right to be very sore over this for they have always had out-of-the-way station and thought at last they were to have something nice. This sudden change caused a good deal of speculation as to the reasons, but time alone can tell. Went over to the office to tell the news and to attend to some papers. Capt. Vance was Officer of the Day and took the calls. Had usual reading at Dr. Harris' until tattoo and later on callers came in for a while. Then played cribbage with Maj. Wilcox and read a while in L'Amour. pers connected with the Board. Read the papers from home while Guard & Thurston were playing cribbage against Maj. Wilcox & Kell and then took Guard's hand. After dinner played tennis and also after retreat, Thurston taking drill tonight. Then went up to read Taine but had not gone far when Thurston and Kell came in and we talked until tattoo. After reporting Thurston & I beat Maj. Wilcox and Kell at cribbage, playing until midnight. Ought to have done some work today. Fixed up another desk for my use in the office this morning.

**Sunday, May 1, 1887**

Attended inspection as usual and then arranged papers for Maj. Wilcox to sign. Ate breakfast after guard mounting. Read papers from home before breakfast. Looked up the letters that passed between Liscum and Johnston when they had their trouble a year ago. Liscum nagged Johnston a great deal but the latter was a little indiscrete in his endorsements and should have known Liscum well enough not to attempt to fight him.



Wrote on letter home until mail came when went over to the office and found a letter from Lula. Read paper there and then sat in Capt. Vance's a few moments and then had lunch as today we have changed to three meals a day, lunch at 12-30 and dinner at 5-30. Completed letter home and wrote on letter to Lula & Mother until time for dinner. Guard was Officer of the Day and took the calls today. Sat quite a while at Capt. Vance's after dinner with Guard and then went to office and to company to arrange for target practice tomorrow morning. Sat a while longer at Capt. Vance's and then went to Thurston's for a short time. Buck came in later with some papers belonging to property which he turned over to me and gave me the Post Fund. Completed letter to Mother and Lula and then sat on Thurston's porch chatting quite a while. It has been very warm today. Our thermometer showed 104 {degrees} in the shade on the porch.

**Monday, May 2, 1887**

Got up early and went out to target practice but failed to score anything at 200 yds. My eyes are becoming weaker and make the bulls eye blur. Buck started this morning for Pena to escort the paymaster. At noon went to bakery and had a talk with the baker in regard to matters about his place. Gave him to understand that I did not want any trouble with him this pay day and hope he will let liquor alone. Spent most of the afternoon playing cribbage with Maj. Wilcox, and thus lost an entire half day that could have been more profitably employed. Am determined to stop this card playing from now on. It was very hot and uncomfortable during the day but after dark a hard rain came up with wind from the north that soon cleared the atmosphere and made it much more comfortable. Took retreat and sat at Capt. Vance's a while. Then walked down to the landing to see the "Bessie" which arrived this evening. Had usual reading but the storm made it necessary to stop before it was the right time.

# Be sensible in the sun to prevent skin cancer

The most common form of cancer is also one of the most easily prevented. Skin cancer, in all its forms, will impact about 1-million Americans this year, and will account for half of all cancers diagnosed. About 44,200 of those diagnosed with skin cancer will have malignant melanoma, the deadliest skin cancer. But about 80 percent of skin cancers could be prevented through limiting exposure to the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays. By protecting yourself and your family, you can keep from getting burned by skin cancer.

so you might detect any abnormalities early. Minimize your risk and avoid becoming one of the many who will face skin cancer this year and in the future.

Everyone is at risk for skin cancer, regardless of skin color. People with fair skin that burns easily, blonde or red hair, a family history of skin cancer or a large number of moles are at greater risk, but all people need to guard themselves against skin's No. 1 enemy, damaging UV rays.

UV rays are the same rays that cause sunburn. And most of us know that when we're out in the sun for long periods of time, we're being exposed to damaging rays. But every minute of sun exposure can add up to greater

skin cancer risk, even if you're walking from your house to your car.

"It's so important that people reduce their UV exposure as much as possible," said San Antonio dermatologist Dr. David Madorsky.

"People don't think they need protection when in the sun for a short time. But they do, the damage is cumulative."

Minimizing UV ray exposure doesn't mean hiding indoors. It just means facing the sunshine armed with sunscreen.

Dr. Madorsky recommends daily use of sunscreen that has a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15, and not using it just on sunny days. UV rays still come through when the skies are cloudy.

And wearing sunscreen is necessary even if you'll only be outdoors for a few minutes. If you'll be swimming or otherwise active outside, use waterproof sunscreen, and reapply if frequently.

When basking in the sun for a longer period of time, sunscreen isn't enough to protect your skin. Clothing that covers your skin, such as hats and long-sleeved shirts, will afford you the greatest protection. Also, avoid the sun from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., when its rays are strongest.

Certain antibiotics, pain medications, antidepressants and other drugs can cause you to burn more easily, so be sure to ask your doctor if any medi-

cations you are taking cause sun sensitivity. If they do, it's a wise decision to stay out of the sun entirely.

It's also important to know the warning signs of skin cancer. Though most skin cancers are benign, they still need to be treated. And malignant melanoma, a less common but much more serious form of skin cancer, can be fatal if not caught early. Look for spots on your skin or a mole that is changing in size, shape or color, or a new growth or lump. Check you entire body periodically for any changes in the skin. Use a mirror to help you see your back, and be sure to check the soles of your feet, your palms, your elbows and the spaces between your toes.

When checking moles or birthmarks on your skin for melanoma, remember the "ABCD" rule. "A" is for asymmetry, meaning one half of a mole or mark doesn't match the other. "B" is for border, meaning the edges of a mole are irregular or ragged. "C" is for color, meaning the color of the mark isn't the same all over and

may have differing shades of brown or black or areas of red, blue, or white.

"D" is for diameter, meaning the area is larger than 6 millimeters, about the size of a pencil eraser. If you see these changes or notice anything unusual, report it to your doctor as soon as possible.

Of course, prevention still is the best defense against skin cancer, and even if you've been a sun worshipper who didn't use sunscreen in the past, you can still change your ways and save your skin from further damage.

"Limit your sun exposure as much as you can, and you'll limit your risk," Dr. Madorsky said. "It's never too late."

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physicians and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state.

The Association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

## OUTDOORS

### Radio series takes listeners birding on-line

*A Little on the Wildlife Side*  
by Henry Lutz

Austin - In response to a growing worldwide interest in birds and birding, Passport to Texas-- the weekday, 90-second radio series from Texas Parks and Wildlife--has launched an exciting new Bird of the Month radio and website feature.

"Texas is the nation's number one birding destination, with more than 600 documented species," says series producer Kathleen Jenkins.

"Overwhelming listener response to our shows on Texas birds prompted us to expand our programming to include a new monthly radio feature and website on The Birds of Texas."

"Starting this month, one radio show each month will introduce a native Texas bird and direct listeners to our website at passporttotexas.com," says Jenkins.

"On-line, they can see the featured bird's color photograph, hear its call and read about its life history and habits. We believe the project will be a

fun and easy way for Texans--especially children--to learn more about the birds they see at their backyard feeders, in parks, in schoolyards or along highways.

We also want to introduce our audience to birds found in other regions of the state and to lesser-known, rare endangered species."

The new Bird of the Month website, produced by Bob Atchison of Pallasart Web Design, features photographs and excerpts from John L. Tveten's "The Birds of Texas," by Shearer Publishing. Browsers of all ages can join the Bird of the Month Club to receive automatic monthly e-birds, or visit the Passport to Texas Birding Library to hear short features on a wide array of bird topics. The site also includes many links to other bird related web resources.

### National Transportation Week

This year, May 16-22 has been designated as National Transportation Week.

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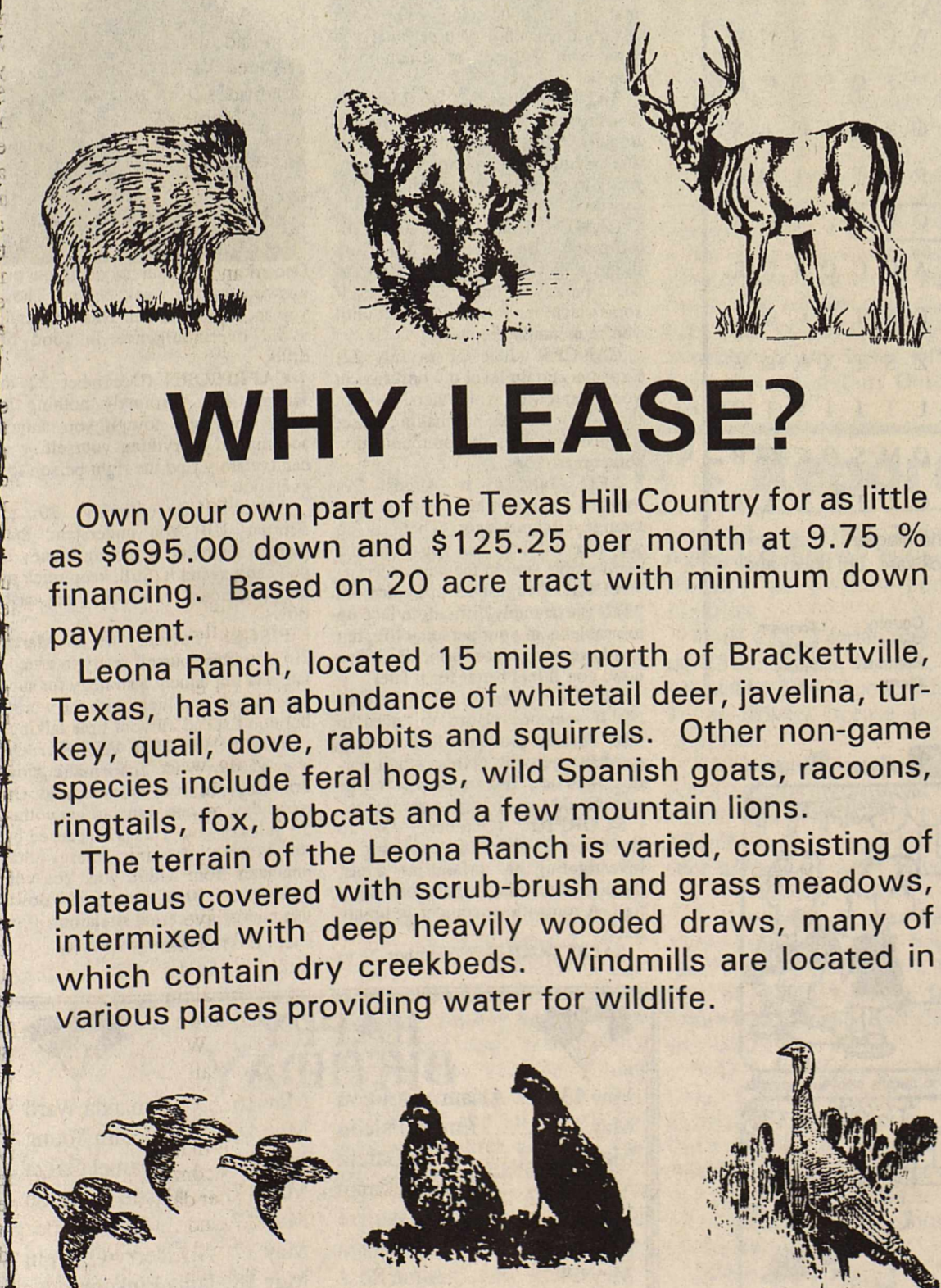
brightest in our transportation workforce.

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ACROSS  
1 Actress Adams  
5 Computer catastrophe  
10 Hen or pen  
13 With  
18 Press  
19 Sarge, e.g.  
21 Rocker  
22 It's down in the mouth  
23 "Mr. Television"  
25 Cavity  
26 "The Bug" (65 film)  
27 Diva Bidu  
28 Latin I word  
30 "Whether nobler in the mind..."  
32 roll  
33 Petrograd potentate  
36 "America's Sweetheart"  
40 Single-minded guy?  
44 Local theater  
45 Tombstone lawman  
46 Essen exclamation  
47 Got off  
49 Private pension  
51 Abounds (with)  
54 "The Little Tramp"  
59 Proof-reader's list  
61 Neighbor of Uganda  
62 Roads scholar?  
63 Inc. in England  
65 De Valera of Ireland  
66 Helper  
69 Moves like mad  
71 bran  
73 Bikini part  
74 "The Swedish Nightingale"  
77 "The Great Pacificator"  
81 Actor Brynner  
82 Antiquity, archaically  
83 Depraved  
85 Actor  
93 Actor  
94 Local theater  
97 Excessively fond  
99 "The Belle of Amherst"  
103 Couch potato's woe  
104 Branco, Brazil  
105 "The Time Machine" people  
106 Kapaia keepsake  
107 Articulated  
109 Stocking mishap  
112 "Die tote Stadt" composer  
115 "Bubbles"  
119 Mortgage, for one  
120 Mil. rank  
121 Chou En-Lai  
122 Bum remedy  
123 Boxer Archie  
127 Biggs  
130 With 55 Down, "Sleepless in Seattle" star  
132 "The Desert Fox"  
136 Little Morales  
137 Ring legend  
138 Sib's kids  
139 Pass catchers  
140 Belief  
141 60's campus  
142 Writer Rogers St. Johns  
143 French fries, e.g.  
DOWN  
1 "I the word"  
2 Merrill melody  
3 Hard on the eyes  
4 Free  
5 TV station  
6 Pinch  
7 Chemical  
8 "Beat It!"  
9 Basketball coach Nat  
10 Use a straw  
11 Half of Hispaniola  
12 Tempt  
13 Kramden's vehicle  
14 Clark's "Mogambo" costar  
15 Teach on the side  
16 Endangered animal  
17 Comic Carvey  
20 Stiller's partner  
24 Silly stuff  
29 Astrologer  
31 Ray  
34 Game ending?  
35 Part  
37 Problem for Pauline  
38 Brother, to Bizet  
39 La Scala production  
40 Support  
41 Flu symptom  
42 Biggers detective  
43 Loaded  
48 Sticky problem?  
50 Author Chekhov  
52 Cobra Kin  
53 Bedtime reading  
55 See 130  
56 Sprawled  
57 Tolerate  
58 Weasel word?  
60 Literary collection  
64 Challenge  
67 Salon supply  
68 Joyce of "Ficciones"  
70 Lustrous  
72 Cobb and Hardin  
74 One of twelve  
75 Top-drawer  
76 Gentleman of leisure?  
118 Put in stitches  
120 Winter wear  
124 Word form for "all"  
125 Funnyman  
126 In addition  
128 Bristol brew  
129 Ensnare  
131 "Saving Private Ryan" extras  
133 Cola cooler  
134 "Blu Dipinto Di Blu" (58 ht)  
135 Pretoria's loc.  
96 "Idyls of the King" character  
98 Knot  
100 Aegean area  
101 possessed  
102 Soprano Te Kanawa  
108 Alpaca relatives  
110 Ludden or Furt  
111 Singer Estefan  
113 Verne captain  
114 Folklore figures  
115 Comic pianist  
116 Illinois city  
117 Produce of leasure?  
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S N K I F M C Z W U R P N N M  
Y J H E C Z S X U S Q S O C N  
L R J G E R N I C Z K I O I X  
V T T R P N O L R C T N T M J  
H E A N O N Y M O U S C R O A  
Y W V T U K N R A O O O A N R  
P N L K C O A C R N T T C O I  
G T E I C B C T Z S T X K R W  
U S R R P O I M L J I I S T G  
E T D A T U A N O M S O C S B  
A Y X W M U S N O I T C U A T  
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.  
Anonymous Astronomic Auctions Canyons  
Cartoon Caution Consortium Cosmonaut  
Country Rocks Romantic Storm  
Tourism Tracks Tricky

**Your Horoscope by Natasha**



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You may become frustrated with people's inability to understand you. Don't blame them until you've analyzed your own methods of communication.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You are in a mood to deal with people directly. Although you often like to be at a distance from your peers, you are ready to get in the center of things at this time.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Although you have ten thousand things to get done, you can't seem to focus on any of them. Give yourself some slack; let your duties wait until you're mentally prepared.  
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Expect a certain level of confusion in your interactions with others. It is not that you or they are not making sense; it's just that lines of communication sometimes cross.  
**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Prepare to assimilate to new and strange circumstances. There is no way to avoid them, but you can find a comfortable spot in the new order.  
**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) It is extremely difficult to face up to problems in your personal life, but you have to do it sometime. Be brave now; you'll feel better for it later.  
**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) If someone claims to "need to talk," he/she probably just needs a good listener who gives a small portion of advice. You are perfect for the role should you choose to assume it.  
**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) If you go exploring or investigating in unfamiliar areas, there is no telling what you might find. A romantic encounter is highly likely.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to

December 21) Your mood is on the upswing as the week begins. Thus, you accomplish much. This weekend, avoid overindulgence in food or drink.  
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Absolutely nothing is impossible right now. If you cannot accomplish everything yourself, you can certainly find the right person for every job.  
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You understand that there is no point in having money if you can't spend it. Still, keep track of the directions in which your cash flows.  
**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You find yourself ready to articulate and implement a strategy for success. Share your ideas with the world, but don't spend all your time talking.  
**YOU BORN THIS WEEK ...** On a good day, your charismatic glow draws people from miles around. On a bad day, no one wants to get within 50 miles of you. This is all caused by the intense, dynamic energy that emanates from within you. You will be happier if your learn to tone down this energy for casual situations.  
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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.  
Differences: 1. Door is added. 2. Balloon is added. 3. Girl's sweater is different. 4. Boy is missing. 5. Cake is added. 6. Gift bow is different.

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